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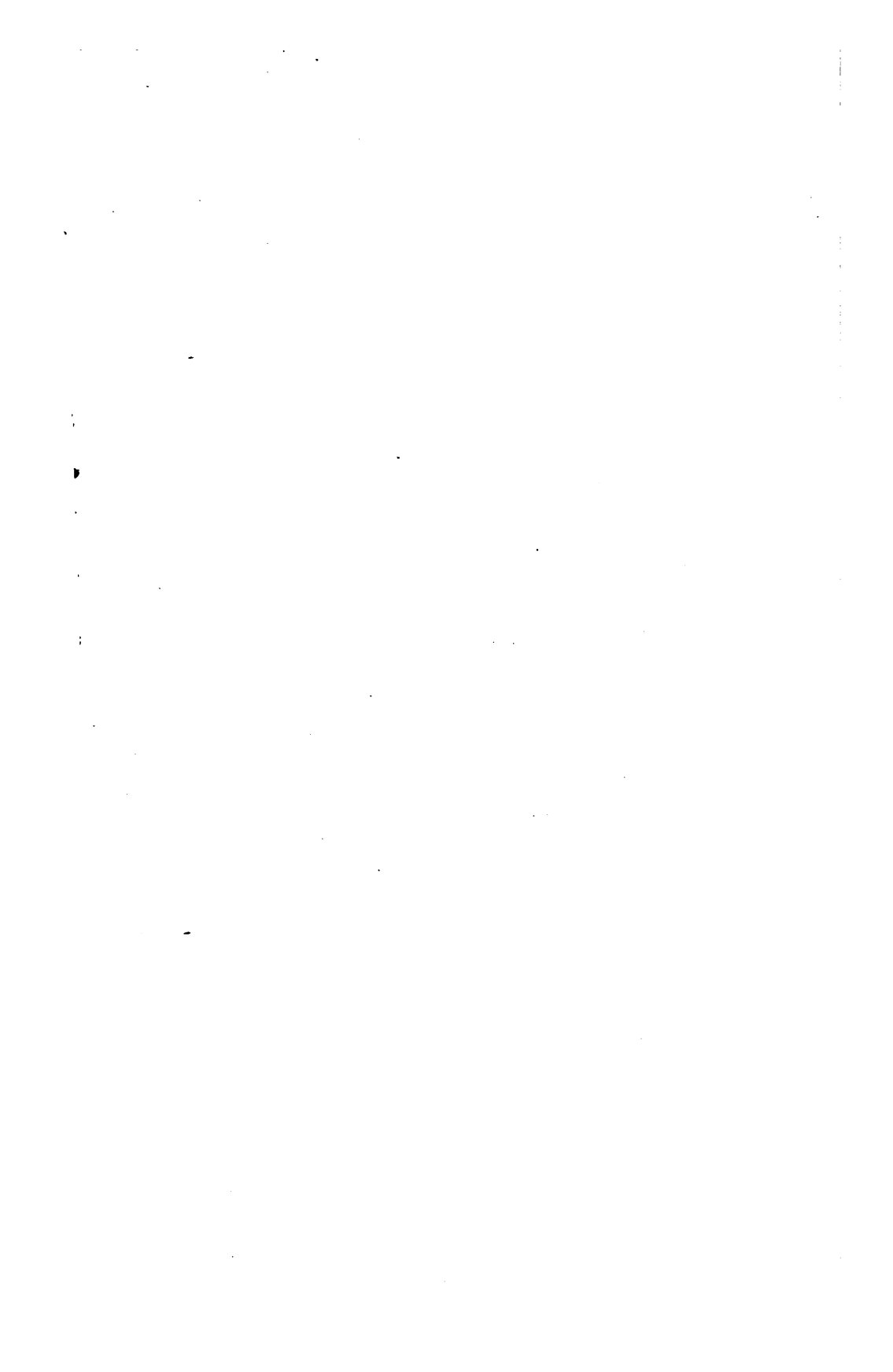
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Bunhill Fields Preservation Committee,

APPOINTED BY THE CORPORATION.

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IN addition to the Inscriptions reprinted at the end of this Volume, a large collection, made by the Rev. Dr. JOHN RIPPON, in several volumes, is preserved in the Library of the Heralds' College, Doctors' Commons.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE
COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL.

December 6th, 1866.

GABRIEL, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of *London*, on *Thursday* the 6th day of *December*, 1866.

THE Special Bunhill-fields Burial Ground Committee did this day deliver into this Court a Report in writing under their hands, of proceedings under the reference of the 7th of *December*, 1865, upon the Letter of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners upon the subject of *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and upon the Petition of *John Remington Mills* and others in respect of the said Burial-ground ; which was read.

RESOLVED, That the consideration thereof be adjourned ; and it is ordered that the Report be printed, and a copy sent to every member of this Court.

WOODTHORPE.

R E P O R T.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

We the undersigned, of your Committee appointed on the seventh *December*, 1865, in respect of the preservation from desecration of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and to whom it was referred to have prepared by the proper officers, subject to our direction, certain returns asked for by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, upon the subject of the said burial-ground ;—and to whom also was referred, on the same day, the Memorial * of *John Remington Mills*, esq., M.P., and others, presented to your Honourable Court on the 9th *June*, 1864, praying that the Corporation would cause inquiry to be instituted into the circumstances under which *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground had been opened and used, and to take whatever steps might be necessary to secure the ground for ever against any possible perversion to other uses than those to which for two centuries it had been sacredly appropriated, with authority to take such steps therein as we might think requisite, reporting the same to your Honourable Court, DO CERTIFY that we proceeded duly to consider the several references; and, having heard Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Comptroller, we directed them to search the several

* See Appendix I.

documents in their respective departments, and to prepare therefrom the returns asked for by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, first submitting the same to your Committee. The following Letter contains the request of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners referred to.

“10 *Whitehall* place, S.W., 28th *November*, 1865.

“THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

“Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your communication of the 17th instant, and I am directed, prior to the consideration of the Memorial, to request you to be so good as to inform me what are the amounts of the annual receipts from, or the capital sums paid for, vaults and interments or otherwise, and received by the corporation during the current lease, and in what way the same may have been appropriated; and also to what charges or outgoings the land comprised in the cemetery is subject.

“I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

JAMES J. CHALK.

“The Town Clerk, Guildhall, E.C.”

Previously to our receiving the Report from our Officers on the subject of the information sought by the Commissioners, the following Letter, addressed on their behalf to the Town Clerk, enclosing a copy of a letter which they had caused to be addressed to Mr. *Samuel Morley*, on the subject, was laid before us, a copy of which letter and enclosure we append, as follows :

“10, *Whitehall* place, S.W., 18th *December*, 1865.

“*Re* THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

“Sir.—I am directed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* to transmit to you for the information of the Corporation of the City of *London*, the enclosed copy of a communication which, by the direction of the board, I have addressed to

Mr. *Samuel Morley*, in reference to the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground.

"I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

"JAMES J. CHALK.

"The Town Clerk, Guildhall, E.C."

(Enclosure in the above.)

"10, *Whitehall* place, S.W., 16th *December*, 1865.

"Sir.—The Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* have taken into consideration the statement (Appendix V.) relative to *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, transmitted with your letter of the 11th instant, and your request for an interview with the board.

"The Estates Committee will be happy to receive yourself and any deputation on Thursday next, the 21st instant, at two o'clock, if you continue to desire it; but to prevent misconception, I am directed at once to state to you the present position of the case, so far as it relates to any action which may have taken place upon it.

"Under an Act passed in 1768, the Corporation of *London* became entitled to receive three-sixths of the net rents, profits, and annual proceeds arising on the *Finsbury* estate during a lease for ninety-nine years from that date; the then Prebendary (*Wilson*) and his assigns to receive two-sixths in their own right; and the same Prebendary and his successors to receive one-sixth of the net rents during the leasehold term. Under the Act the Corporation of *London*, as possessing the largest share of the rents arising during the lease, had the charge of the management of the estate.

"In 1801 the corporation purchased from the *Wilson* family their two-sixths of the rents, and thus became owners of five-sixths of the net rents during the term outstanding.

"In 1865 the estate of the prebend became vested in the Commissioners, who have since received the sixth share reserved to the Prebendary.

"The Commissioners have never yet expressed any opinion in favour of the appropriation of the *Bunhill* Burial-ground to purposes which would in any way conflict with its reverential preservation; on the contrary, the only action which they have taken with

reference to the ground had for its especial object an appropriation of it in accordance with the wishes of the parties you represent.

"In *December*, 1863, Mr. *John Ivimey*, who was understood to negotiate for the representatives of parties possessing vaults and burial-places, offered to make a conditional purchase on their behalf, and the Commissioners agreed to accept £10,000 provided the ground was appropriately laid out, and due regard were had to the preservation of the graves and vaults; and provided also, that in the event of any future appropriation of the land to other purposes it should revert to the Commissioners.

"In this way the object proposed was to be fully secured. The Commissioners would have received a small part of the value of the land. Mr. *Ivimey* and his co-trustees would have held the ground in trust for the representatives of those who were buried there, and they would only have lost that possession in the event of the trust ceasing to be operative.

"On 9th *January*, 1865, the Corporation of *London* wrote to the Commissioners, stating that they had received a memorial on this subject; and on the 26th *January* a deputation from the City Lands Committee attended the Commissioners. They stated that they had no suggestions to make, that they simply came to ascertain the intentions of the Commissioners. The Earl of *Chichester* mentioned the proposal of Mr. *Ivimey* as having been accepted by the Commissioners, and the deputation stating that they had not been previously aware of that negotiation, withdrew.

"On 23rd *March* a similar deputation attended the Commissioners, and, after stating that Mr. *Ivimey* had abandoned his proposal, desired that the Commissioners should enable the Court of Common Council to give the memorialists an assurance that this ground should not be appropriated to any other purpose than that of burial. The Earl of *Chichester* stated that he had no suggestion to offer, save that the memorialists should be referred by the corporation to the Commissioners themselves, as the parties immediately interested in the disposal of the property.

"On the 18th *November* last, the Commissioners received a memorial from the Corporation of *London* on this subject. Before they can give a satisfactory answer they have felt it to be their duty to make an inquiry of the corporation as to the appropriation of the monies received by them for the sale of vaults, &c., and the consideration of that Memorial awaits the reply from the corporation on this point.

"The Commissioners continue to be of opinion that the terms agreed with Mr. *Ivimey* are, considering the value of the land (confessedly more than £100,000), a liberal settlement of the question, and they are still willing to carry out that arrangement.

"In the statement transmitted by you, the assurances of the corporation and other parties interested in the lease, and also of the Prebendary in 1788, that the graves and vaults should be undisturbed, form a material element. It is, clear, however, that in 1788 the corporation, as interested only to the extent of three-sixths of the rents arising during a lease, and the *Wilson* family as possessing two-sixths of the same rents, and the then Prebendary as possessing the remaining sixth merely for his incumbency, could not legally dispose of the land in perpetuity, or for any period beyond the expiration of the leasehold term.

"The Commissioners recognize a moral claim on the part of the representatives of those who lie buried in this ground, to have the ground still undisturbed, and they would be prepared to confirm, subject to the provisos agreed with Mr *Ivimey*, any sales that have been made, if they were placed in the ordinary position of reversioners, that is, in a position to receive, at the expiration of the lease, from the corporation (as now representing the two-sixths of the rents belonging to the *Wilson* family as well as their original share), five-sixths of the purchase monies paid for the sale of vaults, &c., in perpetuity.

"Failing the adoption of one or other of the arrangements herein mentioned, or of any modification which may be suggested, the Commissioners are not prepared to decide at the present moment, and without further consideration, as to the course they may feel it to be their duty to take.

"I am directed, in conclusion, to assure you that the fact of the Nonconformists being mainly interested in the Burial-ground renders the Commissioners the more desirous that no serious difference of opinion should arise on the subject.

"The Commissioners have thought it right to send a copy of this letter to the Corporation of *London*.

"I am sir, your very obedient servant,

JAMES J. CHALK.

"*Samuel Morley*, esq., M.P.,

"*Wood street, Cheapside, E.C.*"

On the 6th of *February* 1866, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Comptroller (who informed us that the whole of the books and vouchers relating to the ground during the term of the existing lease were in their departments) submitted to us the following Report:

*"To The Special Committee on the subject of Bunhill-fields
Burial-ground.*

"Gentlemen.—In obedience to your reference we beg to report that the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease amounted to £24,001 7s. 1d. including the capital sums paid for vaults and interments or otherwise, being an average for the ninety-seven years of £247 8s. 9d. *per annum*.

"One half of this sum has been applied in connection with the prebend of *Finsbury* and the remaining moiety has been received by the Corporation of *London*.

"The charges and outgoings since the close of the ground in 1854, consist of the following items, *viz.*;

Land tax <i>per annum</i>	£13	6	8
Keeper of the ground (14s. <i>per week</i>)	36	8	0
Sundry repairs, average	4	0	0

Annual average £53 14 8

"All of which we have the honour to report to your Worshipful Committee.

"BENJAMIN SCOTT, Chamberlain.

"FERD. BRAND, Comptroller.

"Guildhall, *Feb.* 6th, 1866."

Learning that there were certain books of a date earlier than the existing lease (which was granted in 1768), in the offices of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Comptroller, we directed searches to be made therein of any entries relating to the ground in question, and we directed searches also to be made in the City Library in relation to the subject.

We also directed Mr. Town Clerk to communicate to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners the information they desired in reference to the income derived from the ground, which he did in the following letter :

“ Guildhall, 15th *February*, 1866.

“ Sir.—I am directed by the Committee of the Court of Common Council, to whom it has been referred to make the returns asked for in your letter of the 28th *November* last, relative to *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, to inform you that the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease amounted to £24,001 7s. 1d., including the capital sums paid for vaults and interments or otherwise, being an average, for the ninety-seven years, of £247 8s. 9d. *per annum*.

“ One half of this sum has been applied in connection with the prebend of *Finsbury*, and the remaining moiety has been received by the Corporation of *London*.

“ The charges and outgoings since the close of the ground in 1854, consist of the following items, *viz.* :—

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Keeper of the ground (14s. <i>per week</i>)	36	8	0
Sundry repairs, average	4	0	0

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“ I have to request that you will lay this communication before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and at the same time, state to them that the Committee have been desirous of furnishing the information asked for as early as possible, but that delay has unavoidably arisen in consequence of the very voluminous accounts, extending over a period of many years, which it was necessary to go through in order to arrive at the results above stated.

“ I am, sir, your obedient servant,

“ F. WOODTHORPE.

“ *J. Jell Chalk*, esq.,

“ Secretary to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.”

To this letter the following reply was received on the 4th *March*, 1866 :—

"10, *Whitehall-place*, S.W., 3rd *March*, 1866.

THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

"Sir.—I have submitted to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your communication of the 15th *ultimo*, on the subject of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, stating, in reply to the inquiries contained in my letter to you of the 28th *November* last, that the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease amount to £24,001 7s. 1d., that one moiety of this sum has been applied in connection with the prebend of *Finsbury*, and the other moiety has been received by the corporation; and that the annual cost of maintaining the burial-ground, since it was closed in 1854, has been £53 14s. 8d.

"The Memorial transmitted on the 11th *March* last, by the City Comptroller to the Commissioners, was accompanied by a letter from the Comptroller, stating that the allegations contained in the Memorial are not to be taken as admitted on the part of the corporation, nor are the corporation to be considered as bound by the statements made by the memorialists, or the conclusions at which they have arrived; and, at the interview which took place on the 23rd *March*, 1865, between the deputation from the City Lands' Committee and the Commissioners, the deputation, and Mr. *Brand*, the Comptroller, did not withdraw this notification.

"The first intimation to the Commissioners that the Corporation of *London* recognized the claim to the perpetual enjoyment of the burial-ground, made on the part of the representatives of the purchasers of vaults, &c., was contained in your communication of the 17th *November* last.

"The facts appear to be as follows: *viz.* that under the Act of Parliament passed in 1769, the corporation took three-sixths of the rents during the ensuing ninety nine years; the Prebendary *Wilson* in his private capacity two-sixths, and the Prebendary in his official capacity one-sixth of the rents, the reversion of the ninety-nine years remaining unaffected. That the corporation in 1801 purchased from the heirs of the Prebendary of 1769 the interest which remained to such heirs under the lease, and that the corporation thus became possessed of five-sixths of the leasehold interest, and that the prebendal sixth and the reversion are now vested in the Commissioners, and that any sale affecting the reversion was throughout the lease beyond the powers entrusted to the prebendaries and the lessees.

"It appears to the Commissioners that the £24,001 mentioned by the corporation is in the nature of capital which should have been invested, the annual proceeds of such investment being taken by the lessees during the leasehold term, and the capital itself passing to the Commissioners as reversioners on the expiration of the lease; one-sixth of the £24,001 paid for vaults, &c., was, probably in error, paid over to the Prebendary for the time being, and as the Commissioners might be disposed to waive any claim in that respect, the sum due from the corporation to the Commissioners at the expiration of the lease would thereupon be reduced to the amount of £20,000.

"Subsequently to the receipt of the communication from the corporation on the 16th *November* last, acknowledging the claim of the representatives of the purchasers of vaults, &c., the Commissioners received a Memorial from those gentlemen, and replied in a letter of which a copy was transmitted to the corporation, to the effect that the Board would be willing to confirm any sales that have been made, provided that they were placed in the ordinary position of reversioners, that is, in a position to receive at the expiration of the lease from the corporation (as now representing the two-sixths of the rents belonging to the *Wilson* family as well as their original share), five-sixths of the purchase money paid for the sale of the vaults, &c., in perpetuity. The Commissioners, however, also stated that they were still willing to carry out the terms arranged with Mr. *Ivimey*, viz., to accept £10,000, provided the ground be appropriately laid out, and due regard be had to the preservation of the graves; and provided also that in the event of any future appropriation of the land to other purposes it shall revert to the Commissioners.

"Recognizing a moral claim on the part of the purchasers of the vaults and graves, and being willing to give every facility for the amicable adjustment of such claim, the Commissioners would be glad to be informed whether the corporation prefer to enter into discussion with reference to the exact portion of the £24,001 to which the Commissioners may be entitled, or to concur in the settlement contemplated by the Commissioners in the communication with Mr. *Ivimey*.

"I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

"JAMES J. CHALK.

"The Town Clerk, Guildhall, E. C."

It appearing to your Committee from the above letter, that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had somewhat misunderstood the terms of Mr. Town Clerk's letter of the 15th *February* in regard to the figures therein contained, we directed him to write to the Commissioners in explanation as follows:

"Guildhall, 19th *March*, 1866.

"Sir.—I have submitted to the *Bunhill-fields* Committee of the corporation your letter of the 3d *March*, in reply to which I have to state that my communication of the 15th *February* last appears to have been misunderstood upon an important point. The statement made by me was that the sum of £24,001 7s. 1d. was 'the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease, including the capital sums paid for vaults and interments or otherwise;' and in your letter of the 3d *March* you appear to have assumed that the sum in question had been realized by sales in fee-simple of ground for the purpose of burial, and the assumptions in your letter are based upon the misunderstanding which has obviously taken place. I am therefore instructed to inform you that no part of the said sum of £24,001 7s. 1d. has arisen from the sale of any ground in fee-simple, and that no amount has been received by the corporation, to which the reversioners are or will be entitled, as arising out of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"F. WOODTHORPE.

"To J. J. Chalk, esq."

On the 27th *March*, 1866, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners addressed the following letter to Mr. Town Clerk, in continuation of the correspondence:

"10, *Whitehall* place, S.W. 27th *March*, 1866.

"Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your further letter of the 19th instant, stating that your communication of the 15th of *February* last appears to have been misunderstood on an important point, and that no part of the sum of £24,001 7s. 1d., therein mentioned, has arisen from the sale of

any ground in fee-simple, also that no amount has been received by the corporation to which the reversioners are or will be entitled as arising out of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground.

"I am directed to remind you that the Commissioners have been recently guided in this matter by information derived from the corporation, and I am to recapitulate the substance of their communications of the 18th of *December* and 3rd of *March* last.

"Under an Act of Parliament passed in 1768, the Corporation of *London* took three-sixths of the rents of the *Finsbury* Estate for a term of ninety-nine years. Under a subsequent purchase the corporation became possessed of a further two-sixths of the rents during that term, and the remaining one-sixth and the reversionary interest continued throughout the whole period in the Church, now represented by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

"During this term the corporation have managed the property and sold graves and vaults in *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground.

"At the close of the period, *viz.*, at the end of 1867, the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground will come into the possession of the Commissioners.

"In 1863 the Commissioners offered, on certain terms, one of which was the condition of its decent preservation as a place of interment, to make over the ground for that purpose, and those terms were accepted, though somewhat informally, by Mr. *Ivimey*, who was assumed to have authority to conclude such a negotiation.

"In 1865 certain memorialists stated that graves and family vaults had been bought in this burial-ground, under the impression that the purchasers were securing a place of sepulture which would for all time be incapable of disturbance, and the corporation shortly afterwards transmitted the Memorial for consideration by the Commissioners, but warned them against an unquestioned acceptance of its allegations.

"In *November* in the same year, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution embodying the statement that graves and vaults had been sold under the pledge that the ground should at all times thereafter remain for the purposes of burial only, and transmitted such resolution to the Commissioners.

"In *December*, 1865, certain memorialists addressed the Commissioners on the subject (that being the first direct communication they had received from the parties interested in the ground), and on the 16th of that month the Commissioners sent an answer to

the Memorial, and a copy of such answer was on the 18th sent to the corporation. That answer stated that the Commissioners were still willing to accept the terms agreed upon in 1863, or as an alternative that they would accept from the corporation five-sixths of the purchase monies which had been paid to the corporation for the sale of vaults, &c., in perpetuity.

"This letter having been communicated to the corporation in the middle of *December* last, the Commissioners received, on the 16th of *February* last, your statement as to the sum of £24,001 7s. 1d. having been received for the sale of vaults, &c., and they replied in their letter of 3rd *March*, in conformity with, and indeed in the very terms of, their answer to the memorialists dated 16th *December* last.

"The Commissioners are strictly entitled to come into possession of the land as reversioners, free from any claims in respect of sales made by the corporation ; but the Board are exceedingly indisposed to treat the matter as a merely legal question, and hence they offer either to accept from the parties interested as purchasers of vaults, &c., the terms agreed upon in 1863, or to accept from the corporation five-sixth parts of the purchase monies paid for the sales.

"The Commissioners regard the parties who represent the purchasers of vaults as having a moral claim, and this the Board are willing to aid in adjusting, between those parties and the Corporation of *London*.

"I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

"GEORGE PRINGLE, Assistant Secretary.

"To the Town Clerk, Guildhall."

It will be observed by your Honourable Court that the above letter, after recapitulating the views of the Commissioners as to the circumstances of the case, and alluding to an alleged agreement with certain parties in 1863, makes a distinct offer to accept from the corporation, for the Commissioners' reversionary interest in the ground, a sum equal to "five-sixth parts of the purchase monies paid for the sales" of ground for vaults and graves, during

the term of the lease. We accordingly referred it to Mr. Comptroller to report to us the total sum so paid, and he subsequently reported to us that the sum total during the term of the lease was £1,168 19s. 6d., which was the gross sum paid, and somewhat in excess of the sales referred to, as it included the bricklayers' charges for making vaults and graves. Five-sixths of that sum is £974 2s. 11d., being the sum at which the offer of the ground was made to the corporation in trust, for the purposes of securing it from other than sepulchral uses. The Commissioners, it will be noticed, represent, in connection with the said offer, "that they regard the parties who represent the purchasers of vaults as having a moral claim," and that the Board "are willing to aid in adjusting between those parties and the Corporation of *London*."

Your Committee felt that the letter now under review demanded their very serious attention, and we determined, as reference to legal claims and demands had been imported into the discussion, to consult our law officers upon certain points, previously to determining whether we should accept the offer of the Commissioners. It was a source of regret to us that the absence of Mr. Recorder from *England* prevented our receiving his advice at an earlier period; but immediately on the return of the right honourable gentleman from *Jamaica*, a consultation took place, and we were enabled to proceed with the reference to us. We arrived at the conclusion that it *was* desirable to close with the offer of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on the grounds

stated by us, and we communicated such our intention accordingly to them in the following letter:

“Guildhall, *July* 10th, 1866.

“Sir.—I am desired by the *Bunhill-fields* Committee of the corporation to reply to your letter of the 27th *March* last, written by direction of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*; but previously to so doing, I am requested to state that the Committee have had under their careful consideration the whole correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the future disposal of the burial-ground, and, looking to the important questions involved, they thought it desirable, before proceeding further in the matter, to consult their usual legal advisers on the questions which have been incidentally raised. The absence from *England* of the Recorder interposed some delay in carrying their intention into effect, but having now received the benefit of his advice, they are at liberty to resume the correspondence, and they trust that the removal of one or two misapprehensions which appear to have existed in the minds of the Commissioners, may promote an early settlement of this important public question.

“It may be desirable, in the first place, to recapitulate some of the statements contained in your said letter of the 27th *March*, to which the Committee take some exception.

“You state, ‘under an Act of Parliament passed in 1768, the Corporation of *London* took three-sixths of the rents of the *Finsbury* Estate for a term of ninety-nine years. Under a subsequent purchase the corporation became possessed of a further two-sixths of the rents during that term, and the remaining one-sixth, and the reversionary interest, continued throughout the whole period in the Church, now represented by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.’

“To this statement the Committee only take exception that notice should have been taken that the corporation became possessed of two-sixth parts of the rents therein referred to by purchase of the representatives of the Bishop of *Bristol*, a former Prebend of *Finsbury*; that consequently they, the corporation, paid in effect by anticipation such two-sixth parts to the representatives of the Prebendary, and received two-sixths of the rents as his assignees. These two-sixths, with one-sixth paid to the Prebendary for the time being, make one moiety paid to the

representatives of the Church, and leave one moiety as the share of the corporation, in their own right, as lessees under the building lease of 1768. It is desirable to place these facts clearly, as they accord with the statement made in my letter of the 15th *February* last, 'that one moiety of the net proceeds had been applied in connection with the prebend, and the remaining moiety had been received by the corporation.'

"You proceed to state: 'During this term (ninety-seven years) the corporation have managed the property, and sold graves and vaults in *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground. At the close of the period, *viz.* at the end of 1867, the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground will come into the possession of the Commissioners.'

"'In 1865 certain memorialists stated that the graves and family vaults had been bought in this burial-ground, under the impression that the purchasers were securing a place of sepulture which would, for all time, be incapable of disturbance, and the corporation shortly afterwards transmitted the Memorial for consideration by the Commissioners, but warned them against an unquestioned acceptance of its allegations.

"'In *November* in the same year, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution embodying the statement that graves and vaults had been sold under the pledge that the ground should at all times thereafter remain for the purposes of burial only, and transmitted such resolution to the Commissioners.

"'The Commissioners are strictly entitled to come into possession of the land as reversioners, free from any claims in respect of the sales made by the corporation, but the Board are exceedingly indisposed to treat the matter as a merely legal question.'

"With reference to these paragraphs of your letter, I am to state that, while they describe accurately some of the circumstances, there are others which would appear to require explanation and modification, if this correspondence is to present the case with that clearness which all the parties concerned doubtless desire.

"The corporation, during the term, had the management of the property, and in so doing sold certain graves and vaults in the burial-ground. At the close of the term (1867) the said ground will come into possession of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. So far the Committee take no exception to your statement; but I am to inform you that the sales referred to could be, and, in fact, were only to the extent of the interest which the corporation and the

Prebendary had in the estate, *viz.* for the term of their leasehold interests respectively. It may be true that certain parties, as stated, paid for graves and vaults under the impression that they were securing a place of sepulture incapable of disturbance; and it is the fact that the Court of Common Council passed a resolution embodying their opinion that a pledge had been given with their consent, and that of the Prebendary, that the ground should remain undisturbed. This might give the representatives of such purchasers a moral claim upon the lessees, but the Committee cannot understand, and does not assent to the inference, that such moral claim being in respect only of a leasehold interest, confers any legal right upon the reversioners of the estate, or entitles them to any share whatever in the purchase-money for such sales.

"Having stated thus much in explanation of the character of the alleged sales, I proceed to remove a misapprehension which has evidently arisen as to their amount.

"The Commissioners, by letter of Mr. *Chalk* 28th November, 1865, requested to be furnished with 'the amounts of the annual receipts from, or the capital sums paid for, vaults and interments or otherwise, and received by the corporation during the current lease, and in what way the same may have been appropriated.' The Committee accordingly caused search to be made through the accounts of the whole period of ninety-seven years; and my letter of the 15th *February* last informed the Commissioners that 'the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease amounted to £24,001 7s. 1d., including the capital sums paid for vaults and interments, or otherwise; being an average for the ninety-seven years of £247 8s. 9d. per annum.' The Commissioners were also informed that 'one half of this sum had been applied in connection with the prebend of *Finsbury* and the remaining moiety had been received by the corporation.'

"On the 3rd of *March* last, a letter was received from Mr. *Chalk*, on behalf of the Commissioners, in which, after imperfectly reciting my letter of the 15th of *February*, by the omission of words in reference to this sum of £24,001, he proceeds to put a construction upon that letter which its terms, if carefully read, could not justify.

"Having in the recital of such letter omitted to notice that the sum in question included the amount paid for vaults, he proceeds to assume that the whole of that sum had been realized by the

sale of vaults, and remarks, that 'one-sixth of the £24,001 paid for vaults &c. was, probably in error, paid over to the Prebendary for the time being,' and he then waives on behalf of the Commissioners any claim in that respect, and treats the corporation as though they were liable to pay to the Commissioners at the expiration of the lease a sum of £20,000.

"All this, I am desired to say, is based upon an obvious misunderstanding on the part of the Commissioners. On the 19th *March* last, by desire of the Committee, a letter was written by me to their secretary, pointing out the error into which he had fallen, and referring him to the communication of the 15th *February*, informing him that the sum of £24,001 was 'the total net proceeds of the burial ground,' and not merely the amount realised by the sale of vaults, which was included in that sum. The Committee feel regret that after such explanation had been furnished, your letter of the 27th *March*, should have contained the following: 'the Commissioners received on the 16th *February* last, your statement as to the sum of £24,001 7s. 1d. having been received for the sale of vaults, &c.' and the Committee conclude that you were unaware of the letter written by me on the 19th *March*, in which I explained to Mr. *Chalk* the error into which he had fallen.

"I am directed now again to state for the information of the Commissioners that the sum in question represents the net proceeds of the ground from every source, including rents, fees, and sales of leasehold interests.

"Having endeavoured to remove misapprehension on several incidental points, I am instructed to address you with respect to the terms upon which the Commissioners have expressed their willingness to convey the ground to the corporation.

"These terms have been variously stated, and for the purpose of definiteness it may be as well to recapitulate them.

"In Mr. *Chalk's* letter to Messrs. *Morley* and others, dated 16th *December*, 1865, and communicated to the corporation, he states: 'the Commissioners recognise a moral claim on the part of the representatives of those who lie buried in this ground to have the ground still undisturbed, and they would be prepared to confirm, subject to the provisoes agreed with Mr. *Ivimey*, any sales that have been made, if they were placed in the ordinary position of reversioners, that is, in a position to receive, at the expiration of

the lease, from the corporation (as now representing the two-sixths of the rents belonging to the *Wilson* family as well as their original share), five-sixths of the purchase monies paid for the sale of vaults, &c. in perpetuity.'

"In Mr. *Chalk's* letter to myself dated 3rd *March*, 1866, the terms of sales are repeated in precisely the same words.

"In your letter of the 27th *March*, to which reference is now particularly made, the terms which the Commissioners are willing to accept from the corporation are twice stated; first in recital of a previous letter, as follows: 'the Commissioners are still willing to accept from the corporation five-sixths of the purchase monies which had been paid to the corporation for the sale of vaults, &c. in perpetuity.'

"The terms are then repeated in the shape of a renewed offer, as follows:—they, the Commissioners, 'offer to accept from the corporation five sixth parts of the purchase monies paid for the sales.'

"The Committee feel that some difficulty arises in dealing with these offers of the Commissioners, on account of the indefiniteness of the terms themselves, as well as the verbal variation of the terms as stated in the several communications; the difficulty is materially increased by the fact that the corporation has informed the Commissioners, and now reiterates the statement, that no sales of ground for vaults, or otherwise, in perpetuity have taken place. The offer to dispose of the ground for five-sixth parts of the sum received for such sales in perpetuity is therefore inoperative, for there would be no consideration to receive.

"In their last communication, the Commissioners offer the ground for five sixth parts of the sales, without specifying their character, whether in perpetuity or otherwise, by which the Committee understand that the Commissioners offer to convey for five-sixth parts of any sales of ground for vaults, &c. which have actually taken place, the amount of the same to be ascertained by reference to the accounts. The Committee have accordingly had an account taken of all sums of money which have been received for vaults and brick graves during the term of the lease (the documents being all in existence), and they find that the total amount, including the bricklayers' charges for building vaults and brick graves, amounts to the sum of £1,168 19s. 6d.

"The amount received for the vaults, &c. must therefore be

somewhat under that sum, which represents the extreme amount received by all parties interested during the term of the lease. Of this sum the corporation will have received one half in their own right.

"The consideration for the ground demanded by the Commissioners will not therefore exceed £974 2s. 11d., being 'five-sixths of the purchase monies paid for the sales.'

"The Committee do not recognise any principle, equitable or otherwise, in the mode of arriving at the consideration required by the Commissioners; but they have nevertheless taken the offer of the Commissioners into their careful consideration, upon public grounds, and I am to state that they are prepared, if the Commissioners still adhere to their determination, as expressed in your letter of the 27th March, to accept those terms on behalf of the corporation as trustees for the public.

"The corporation will at once ratify the proposed purchase, and will be prepared to give all necessary guarantees that the ground shall be kept undisturbed, and preserved and maintained in proper condition, or in failure thereof that it shall revert to the Commissioners.

"The corporation will likewise be prepared to afford to the Commissioners evidence as to the amounts paid for vaults, &c.

"There is one consideration which presents itself to the minds of the Committee in accepting these terms, which they think they should represent to the Commissioners. It is this, that looking to the public, indeed they might say national, interest which attaches to the burial-ground, it appears to the Committee that the great and important religious interests which the Commissioners represent would be impaired rather than promoted by accepting so inconsiderable a sum as that to which the consideration is now reduced; and the Committee desire me to suggest whether it would not be desirable, under all the circumstances, to make a free grant of this ground to the public.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"George Pringle, Esq.,

"F. WOODTHORPE.

"Assistant Secretary, Ecclesiastical Commissioners
for England.

"P.S. You will notice that in the foregoing letter all allusions which occur in the course of the correspondence to Mr. *Ivimey* are advisedly avoided, inasmuch as the corporation has no knowledge

of or connection with that gentleman, or of any negotiations entered upon, or now pending with him."

Your Committee, who had regarded the offer of the Commissioners as made in good faith, were surprised to receive from them on the 22nd of *July* a reply to their letter of the 10th *July*, in which they pass by altogether the subject of their offer and of the acceptance of the same by your Committee. The letter is as follows:

"10, *Whitehall Place*, S.W., 21st *July*, 1866.

"Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your letter of the 10th instant relative to the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground. In reply to this communication the Board direct me to point out, that in this case the Commissioners are shortly coming into possession of an estate, the reversion of which is at present expectant on the determination of a limited interest in the same which has been held by the Corporation of *London*: and the Commissioners are informed by the corporation that a valuable portion of that estate has been dealt with by the corporation as lessees, to their own profit, in such manner as to create a difficulty in the way of the Commissioners deriving any income or proceeds from this portion of the property; such portion being, in the absence of such difficulty, confessedly worth, at the present time, more than £100,000.

"There has been no question anywhere as to the propriety of some arrangement being made to prevent the desecration of the ground in question, used as it has been for the purposes of sepulture. Neither has it appeared possible to argue that the permanent interests of the Church can have been with propriety or legality prejudiced by the action of parties who, neither in the capacity of lessees nor of prebendaries, ever possessed more than a limited right or interest in the estate. The only questions really raised seemed to have been, what should be the basis for the calculation of the compensation to be made to the Board for the reduction of their interest in the estate, and by whom such compensation should be provided.

"With a view to meeting what appeared to the Commissioners

to be the moral claims of parties now representing persons buried in the ground, the Board agreed, as you are aware, to accept for the waiver of certain rights over the property a sum of £10,000 ; and to this offer the Board expressed their willingness to adhere, even after it had been stated that the permanency of the interments had been guaranteed by the corporation, and after it had been shown that the total net proceeds of the burial-ground during the period of the current lease amounted to £24,001 7s. 1d.

“If the matter were to be regarded from the broad point of view of strict legal principle, the Commissioners would of course be entitled to be put into possession by their outgoing tenant, under the lease about to expire, of the whole estate, without diminution of or detriment to its *corpus*.

“The acceptance, therefore, of a position resting in any way on the shares or proportions of interest taken under the lease by the corporation and the late prebendaries respectively is an act of grace on the part of the Board.

“That, however, which is called in the first part of your letter a misapprehension is, in fact, a substantial difference between the views of the corporation and those of the Commissioners. Both parties agree that the three-sixths of the annual rental taken by the corporation do not reckon as part of the interest of the Church ; but the Commissioners deny, while the corporation assert, that the two-sixths granted in 1768 by the Prebendary to his own personal representatives, and subsequently sold by them to the corporation, should be reckoned as having been enjoyed by the Church. Both the three-sixths and the two-sixths stand in an identical relation to the interests of the Church ; and the Commissioners cannot concur in the assertion contained in your letter of the 15th *February* last, and now repeated, that one moiety of the net proceeds have been applied in connection with the prebend, and that (only) the remaining moiety had been received by the corporation.

“The letter signed by the Board's Assistant Secretary on the 27th *March* was settled with a full cognizance of the whole of the correspondence which has taken place between the corporation and the Commissioners upon the subject, and the Commissioners have all along dealt with the question under the assumption and belief that no distinction could practically be taken between the receipts of the City for one description of interment, and those obtained for other descriptions ; the objection to desecration applies equally to

all parts of *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and the reversionary interest of the Church has been equally prejudiced with respect to all parts of the ground.

"The Board adhere to the terms of their letter of the 27th *March*, and, as stated in their letter of the 3rd *March*, are willing to give every facility for the amicable adjustment of their claim, and either to enter into discussion as to the exact portion of the £24,001 to which they may be entitled, or to concur in the settlement contemplated by them in the communication with Mr. *Ivimey*.

"I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

"JAMES J. CHALK.

"The Town Clerk of *London*, Guildhall, E.C."

HAVING met to consider the position in which we were placed by this unusual and unexpected course of procedure on the part of the Commissioners, we decided that any further correspondence with that body would be undesirable, and we resolved unanimously to report all our proceedings to, and take the further instructions of your Honourable Court. We expressed our view to the Commissioners in the following communication:

"Guildhall, *July* 31st, 1866.

"Sir.—I am desired by the *Bunhill-fields* Committee of the Corporation to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and to reply thereto.

"The Committee are much surprised at the contents of your communication, as they have repeatedly disclaimed any cognizance of the agreement stated to have been made by the Commissioners to accept a sum of £10,000 as a waiver of certain rights over the property of the burial-ground.

"The Committee again reiterate that they have no knowledge of or connection with Mr. *Ivimey*, or with any negotiations which that gentleman may have had with the Commissioners.

"The Committee instruct me to say they repudiate any claim, legal or otherwise, on the part of the Commissioners to any proportion whatever of the sum of £24,001 alluded to in the

correspondence, and the Committee must decline to enter into discussion with the Commissioners on that subject, or to consider any proposal for the adjustment of a claim which they are advised is groundless.

"It is a matter of deep regret to the Committee on public grounds that the Commissioners do not adhere to their own distinct proposal to accept, as the consideration for leaving the burial-ground undisturbed, 'five-sixth parts of the purchase monies paid for the sales,' an offer which, as stated in my letter of the 10th instant, the Committee, although recognising no claim moral or legal on the part of the Commissioners, were nevertheless prepared to accept on behalf of the corporation as trustees for the public.

"Under the circumstances, the Committee feel that no other course remains open to them but to report to the Court of Common Council the result of the negotiation, together with the correspondence which has taken place.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"F. WOODTHORPE, Town Clerk.

"To the Secretary, Ecclesiastical Commissioners."

We have subsequently received a letter from the Commissioners, offering to refer the whole matter to arbitration; but as we had arrived at the conclusion that there existed no ground whatever for any legal claim upon the corporation on the part of the Commissioners, and as they had in fact advanced nothing beyond a vague intimation of a possible claim, it appeared to your Committee that there was in fact no issue to arbitrate, and, beyond an acknowledgment of its receipt, we have taken no notice of such letter. We append a copy as follows:

"10, *Whitehall* place, S.W. 4th *August*, 1866.

"Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your letter of the 31st ultimo, repudiating any claim, legal or otherwise, on the part of the Commissioners to any portion

whatever of the sum of £24,001 alluded to in our correspondence relative to *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and declining to consider any proposal for the adjustment of a claim which the corporation state they are advised is groundless.

"In reply, I am directed to state that the Commissioners are willing to refer the whole matter to the arbitration of some person of high character and legal experience.

"I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

"JAMES J. CHALK.

"The Town Clerk of *London*."

Researches which we caused to be made in the Records of the corporation have resulted in finding many entries which throw light upon the subject, to a period antecedent to the Fire of *London*. A rare tract, printed in 1716, in the possession of Mr. Deputy *Charles Reed* (The Inscriptions upon the tombs, gravestones, &c. in *Bunhill-fields*), contains information likely to be of interest to the descendants of many buried in the ground. We believe that, with the exception here mentioned, this tract is out of print, and we recommend that a copy of this tract should be printed by way of appendix to this report.

It may be desirable once more to place upon record some of the associations which render this spot of ground peculiarly interesting as containing the dust of a greater number of notabilities whose memories have become the historic property of the nation than perhaps any similar place of interment, if we except the venerable abbey of *Westminster*.

It has been very usual to regard this ground as solely occupied by the remains of deceased Nonconformists, and it was termed accordingly by *Southey* "the *Campo Santo* of the Dissenters." This it is to

a great extent, but not exclusively so, for probably every denomination of Christians has here found a resting-place for its dead, including the Roman Catholic, and certainly the Established Church.

In Strype's Stow, we read that in 1549, more than one thousand cart loads of human remains were removed from the charnel of St. *Paul's* cathedral and deposited here. This is conclusive as to the fact of its being regarded at that date as consecrated to the burial of churchmen.

It was termed a "*churchyard*" in 1665, in the inscription then placed over the western gates, the term implying that the ground was regarded as consecrated for episcopal interments at that date. *Maitland* in his "Survey," confirms this view; in 1739, he says expressly that it had been *consecrated* as a common cemetery for the relief of the parochial burial grounds during the plague. This is also borne out by the fact that dignitaries and clergymen of the established church, during a period of at least 200 years, officiated in the ground. Doctors *Tillotson* and *Stillingsfleet*, dean and canon respectively of St. *Paul's* Cathedral, attended a funeral there in 1682. The late Bishop of *Durham* more than once so officiated; and, in consequence of the frequent applications for the services of clergymen to bury episcopalians, the corporation, with the approval of the late Bishop of *Carlisle*, Prebendary of *Finsbury*, appointed a clergyman of the Establishment as permanent salaried chaplain.

It ought to be sufficient to create an interest in preserving this ground from any possible spoliation,

to say that here lie the bodies of *John Bunyan* and *Daniel Defoe*, the writers of the two most popular works in the English language. A new tomb and monument for the immortal dreamer were erected recently, when the Earl of *Shaftesbury* took a principal part in their public inauguration.

Hither were borne the remains of Lieut.-general *Charles Fleetwood*, *Cromwell's* son-in-law; of Lady *Erskine* and Dame *Mary Pugh*, pious and devoted women, eminently adorning their high stations; of Mrs. *Susannah Wesley*, the mother of the *Wesleys*; of Dr. *Isaac Watts*; of *Dunton*, the bookseller; of *Ritson*, the antiquary; of *Stothard* and *Blake*, the painters; of *Thomas Hardy* and *John Horne Tooke*, the reformers; and of *David Nasmith*, the founder of City Missions.

The most honoured names among the leading denominations of Nonconformists find their memorials here. The Independents claim Dr. *John Owen*, chaplain to *Oliver Cromwell*, Dr. *Thomas Goodwin*, Dr. *Isaac Watts*, the Rev. *Daniel Neal*, historian of the Puritans, the Rev. *Nathaniel Mather*, *Roger Morrice*, *Richard Fairclough*, *William Orme*, Dr. *Richard Winter*, *Thomas Bradbury*, *Matthew Wilks*, Dr. *R. Simpson*, *George Burder*, *John Clayton*, &c.

The Presbyterians claim Rev. *William Jenkyn*, M.A., elected minister of *Christchurch*, whose body was followed by a funeral procession, including 150 carriages, in 1686; the Rev. *Thomas Doolittle*, *Theophilus Gale*, Rev. Dr. *Daniel Williams*, founder of Williams's valuable library, Rev. *Nathaniel Vincent*, Dr. *Richard Price*, F.R.S., Dr.

Alexander Waugh, Dr. Evans, Revs. W. Shetton, Thomas Belsham, &c.

The Baptists regard the following as of their communion: *John Bunyan*, "the immortal dreamer," *Vavasour Powell, William Kiffin, Hanserd Knollys, Dr. Andrew Gifford, Dr. Gill, the Rev. Joseph Ivimey, Rev. Joseph Hughes*, founder of the Bible Society, *Drs. Stennett and Rippon, &c.*

Of Unitarians of note the following are laid here: *Dr. Grosvenor, Dr. Nathaniel Lardner*, author of "The Credibility," &c., *Rev. Theophilus Lindsey, Dr. Abraham Rees*, editor of the "Encyclopædia," *Dr. Caleb Fleming, Dr. George Benson, Dr. Kippis, Rev. John Coates, Rev. J. B. Dewhurst, Dr. Thomas Morgan, &c.*

It was matter of continual regret to your Committee, throughout the proceedings which have been narrated in the earlier part of this Report, that our frank endeavours to obtain a fair settlement of the matter at issue did not seem to be appreciated, and were not met with the ingenuousness which your Committee had expected. Whether this painful impression was well founded, your Honourable Court, having the whole correspondence before you, will be able to decide. It certainly appeared to your Committee that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had either been misled as to the true bearings of the case, or that they altogether failed to appreciate the importance of the social and historical considerations involved. They appear to have desired to fix the corporation with an agreement with which it had not the remotest connection, or,

failing to establish its responsibility in that respect, to set up a legal claim of the most indefinite and unsubstantial character. The corporation has not been wont to ignore any legal obligation, and has ever been prepared to satisfy every valid claim; and if, as we can scarcely suppose possible, the Commissioners are seriously advised that their rights as reversioners had been invaded, there would be no indisposition upon the part of your Honourable Court to consider such a question, when presented, not by way of insinuation, but in a direct form. The only tangible proposal made by the Commissioners was frankly met, and accepted by your Committee; and we feel that it would be in the highest degree inconsistent and unsuitable to treat further with parties who make proposals only to withdraw from them, and who persist in presenting, as bases for negotiation, an agreement which we utterly repudiate, and a claim which it is impossible to define. Your Committee did not at all anticipate that a great public question would be thus treated by gentlemen of the highest position in Church and State, who profess a sacred regard to the rights of Christian sepulture.

Under the circumstances reported, it appears to your Committee that no useful result can be obtained by further correspondence; and we recommend your Honourable Court to reaffirm your readiness to undertake the charge of the burial-ground as trustees for the public, defraying the cost of watching, maintaining, and keeping it in a proper condition, planting trees and shrubs, keeping up the

gravel walks and preserving the tombs, so that it may form, within proper hours, and under proper regulations, a decent and ornamental "open space" of the metropolis, covenanting that, in the event of failure in these respects, it should revert to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. We further recommend that we should be authorized to second the endeavours of any of the parties interested should they apply to Parliament, or make appeal to the public, with the view of securing the ground in perpetuity from the possible perversion to other uses than those to which it has been for centuries sacredly devoted.

All which we submit to the judgment of this Honourable Court.

Dated this sixth day of *December*, 1866.

CHARLES REED,
G. R. LONGDEN,
JOHN SEWELL,
BENJAMIN BOWER,
BLOMFIELD BURNELL,
GEORGE J. COCKERELL,
ARTHUR S. RIDLEY,
H. H. HEATH,
JOHN RICHARDSON,
RICHARD N. PHILIPPS.

APPENDIX.

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I.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

The Humble Memorial of the undersigned,
SHEWETH,—Your Memorialists having a deep personal interest in securing *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground from disturbance and desecration, crave permission to make a representation to your Honourable Court upon that subject.

They are informed that the leases under which the Corporation of London have held the Finsbury Prebendal Estate for more than 300 years, will finally run out at Christmas, 1867, and that the estate will then pass into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Of this estate the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground forms a part, and your Memorialists pray your Honourable Court to make such arrangements before the expiry of the lease as may prevent the perversion of that ground to common use.

This ground was set apart as a place of interment by the direction of the Corporation of London, 200 years ago, and it was enclosed at the cost of the City, in the mayoralty of Sir John Lawrence, knight, A.D., 1665, as an inscription over one of the entrances still records. During the 190 years that the ground continued to be used as a burial place—that is, until the year 1852, when it was closed by Order of Council—more than 120,000 corpses were interred in it ; enlargements having been made from time to time by the direction of the Court of Common Council.

Until the year 1781, the ground appears to have been managed by various persons, to whom the Corporation granted leases of the same, but from that time forward it remained under the immediate direction of the Council who appointed a keeper and received their fees. These for many years yielded no inconsiderable income, and even so late as the year 1830, it would seem that the gross amount of fees exceeded £600 per annum.

In this burying-ground are interred men whose memory and writings are among the most precious of our national heirlooms ; some of the most fearless asserters of civil and religious liberty at critical periods of our history, notable men of all professions, and of all religious communities, Divines, Artists, Reformers ; a crowd of worthies and confessors whose learning, piety, and public services, not only adorned the age in which they lived, but have proved a permanent blessing to the land, and whose names the

world will not willingly let die. The Nonconformist Bodies, especially, look upon this as the holy field of their illustrious dead, because here lie buried those whose remains were refused interment in the grave-yards of the churches in which they had long faithfully ministered, and whose memory is reverently cherished in the hearts and homes of their religious descendants.

Any disturbance of a spot so hallowed could not but be resented as an injury to the nation, an insult to posterity, and a personal offence to many thousands of our fellow-countrymen.

But your memorialists would respectfully urge upon your Honourable Court that there are special reasons, apart from public considerations, which should induce you to accede to their request.

The numerous individuals who have bought graves and family vaults in this ground did so under the impression that they were securing a perpetual and irremovable place of sepulture. Not only was the lease under which the Corporation held this ground a very long one, but there can be little doubt that the predecessors of your Honourable Court regarded it as practically renewable for ever. If your memorialists are rightly informed, the records of the Corporation will yield abundant proof that this was the purpose of the Council when the last lease was negotiated. The Corporation, evidently under the impression that it could never be alienated, have at various times, and especially in the year 1787, given assurance that the ground should not be built over,

and in order to allay apprehensions which had arisen that it might be perverted to other uses, they declared by public advertisement that every part of it should at all times, hereafter, "remain a burial ground, and be used for that purpose only." Upon the faith of these engagements, numbers have been induced to prefer this ground, and to purchase vaults in it. Nor is this an obligation which can be held in any respect discharged by the lapse of time, for some among your present memorialists, have within thirty-five years of this present date, purchased family vaults, at an expense of £50 and upwards. There have they deposited the remains of beloved relatives, supposing they had secured for them a permanent resting-place with which no rude hands would ever be allowed to meddle, and though now that the ground has been closed, they must forego the hope which they had cherished of lying down in their last sleep side by side with their Fathers, yet they feel that they have a right to appeal to the Corporation from whom they bought these graves, to take care that they are not obliterated, covered, or disturbed.

Your memorialists respectfully request that you will be pleased to cause inquiry to be instituted into the circumstances under which *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground has been opened and used, and if they shall prove to be such as your memorialists believe them to be, they cannot doubt that you will be of opinion that the honour of the Corporation is engaged to take whatever steps may be necessary to secure the ground for ever against any possible perversion to

other uses than those to which for two centuries it has been sacredly appropriated.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

J. REMINGTON MILLS,
SAMUEL MORLEY,
TRAVERS BUXTON,
H. M. MATHESON,
T. BINNEY,
EDWD. WILSON,
S. SMITH TRAVERS,
ROGER CUNLIFFE,
GEORGE UNWIN,
THOMAS PRICE,
JOSH. TRUEMANN,
THOS. SCRUTTON,
GEO. HADFIELD,
FRANCIS CROSSLEY,
S. MORTON PETO,
EDWD. BAINES,
JAMES HEYWOOD,
F. C. JOBSON,
RICHARD MARTINEAU,
JOHN ALERS HANKEY,
WM. M'ARTHUR,
JAMES DUNCAN,
E. SMITH,
W. FLEXMAN VOWLER,
JOHN TOWGOOD,
THOS. P. WARREN,
ALFRED PRESTON,
PETER CARTHEW,
EBENR. HERNE,
W. B. BOURN,
C. E. MUDIE,
JOHN WARREN,
JAMES YATES,

THOS. BARNES,
P. F. LECKIE,
D. POWELL,
JAS. RISDON BENNETT,
HENRY SPICER,
W. R. SPICER,
WILLIAM EDWARDS,
D. WESTLEY,
EDWD. B. UNDERHILL,
THO. M. CHALLIS,
WILLM. HY. WATSON,
WALTER C. VINNING,
JNO. GLOVER,
J. HOBSON,
JNO. MICHL. MORRIS,
EDWD. EDWARDS,
JOHN MORLEY,
JOSEPH IVIMEY,
JAMES ESDAILE,
THOMAS SPALDING,
R. J. KITCHENER,
JOHN PROCTER,
JAMES CARTER,
JOSPH. CHAMBERLAIN,
WM. COOKE,
THOMAS MADGE,
JOHN T. HART,
HENRY J. PRESTON,
E. J. NETTLEFOLD,
D. MARTINEAU,
R. BROOK ASPLAND,
T. C. TURBERVILLE,
EDWARD SMITH PRYCE.

II.

THE MEMORIAL
OF CERTAIN INHABITANTS OF THE
PARISH OF ST. LUKE, MIDDLESEX.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of the parish of St. Luke, Middlesex, fully concurring in the sentiments expressed in the Memorial to be presented to the Common Council of the City of *London*, praying that for reasons therein stated the site of *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground may not be converted to other and common uses, hereby join in the prayer of the said Memorial, and venture to express a hope that further measures may be hereafter taken, and some plan adopted by which this large open space may be improved and made a convenience to the public, and also a means of preserving and improving the general health of the locality.

R. PHILLIPS, }
JOHN DALE, } Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Luke.

CHARLES EYULL, }
ROBERT FISHER, }
A. WALKER, }
G. HORNEY, } Overseers of the Parish of St. Luke.
ALFRED DAY, }
JOSEPH DANIEL, }

THOMAS HILL,	M. A. C. LAWSON,
E. LAWRENCE,	W. & C. CHIPPINDALL,
THOMAS LOVITT,	J. S. MASTERS,
EDWARD MEDLEY,	CHARLES DAVISON,
JOSEPH MORELAND,	GRANT & DANIEL,
WILLIAM STARLING,	ROBERT HENRY OBBARD,
J. CLITHEROW,	JOHN S. SNUKE,
JOHN YOUNG,	COOPER & HOLT,
RICHARD LEAGE,	M. GEE,
JOHN BROWN,	JOHN EYRE,
T. B. JOHNSON,	JOHN THOMAS,
GEORGE GARR,	C. RICE,
THOMAS HILL,	T. MARCHANT,
J. G. LONDON,	C. SINCLAIR,
GEORGE KING,	ROBERT BERRY,
WALTER WILLIAM KING,	H. HISCOATE,
JAMES TELFER,	T. KNIPPEL,
JOHN WILLIAM WYATT,	T. JACKSON,
EDWARD C. P. TRACEY,	JOHN C. TACEY,
T. NICHOLLS,	JOHN ENDERS,
DAVID DAVIES,	JOHN ROGERS,
PHILIP ATKINS,	JOHN MOSS,
GEORGE LOVE,	THOMAS ROBERT WALTER,
THOMAS DURKLEY,	JOHN HANCOCK,
ALEXANDER SHAW,	WILLIAM KEEN,
R. WILLS,	CLUSE & BOSE,
BENJAMIN GODDARD,	T. J. DAVIES,
T. DE LA RUE & CO.,	R. C. DAVIS,
ULMHEW & LASCELLES,	CHARLES GOULDEN.

III.

RESOLUTION OF THE COURT OF COMMON
COUNCIL, Nov. 16, 1865.PHILLIPS, *Mayor*.

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the
Guildhall of the City of *London*, on *Thursday*,
the 16th day of *November*, 1865.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That this Court learns with regret that in the communications with the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the Committee have not found any disposition to concur in an arrangement for the preservation of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, except upon terms of sale and purchase. That having regard to the antiquity of this spot, as a place of extra-mural sepulture; that it has been held by this Corporation for more than five hundred years; that it has been set apart and used for centuries as a place of interment; that a public pledge has been given by the conjoint authority of the ecclesiastical authorities and the Corporation that the "ground should at all times hereafter remain for the purposes of burials only," and that up to the year 1832, upon these conditions and assurances, vaults have been sold; this Court protests against this ground or any part thereof being applied to secular uses.

That considering the high historic interests attaching to the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, in consequence of the interments of so many distinguished and honoured men of all creeds and parties, this Court is willing to accept the care and preservation of the ground on behalf of the public, and to assist in promoting any well-advised scheme for securing against molestation and disturbance the final resting-place of so many thousands of their fellow-citizens.

ORDERED, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

IV.

LETTER FROM THE ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS, Nov. 28, 1865. MOTION THEREON, AND APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

PHILLIPS, *Mayor*.

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of *London*, on Thursday the 7th day of December, 1865.

A Letter of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, upon the subject of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and requesting to be informed what are the amounts of the annual receipts from, or the capital sums paid for vaults and interments, or otherwise, and received by the Corporation during the current lease, and in what

way the same have been appropriated, and also to what charges or outgoings the land comprised in the Cemetery is subject, was laid before the Court and read as follows:—

“10 *Whitehall* place, S.W., 28th *November*, 1865.

“THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

“Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your communication of the 17th instant, and I am directed, prior to the consideration of the Memorial, to request you to be so good as to inform me what are the amounts of the annual receipts from, or the capital sums paid for, vaults and interments or otherwise, and received by the corporation during the current lease, and in what way the same may have been appropriated; and also to what charges or outgoings the land comprised in the cemetery is subject.

“I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

JAMES J. CHALK.

“The Town Clerk, Guildhall, E.C.”

MOTION, That the Return now asked for be prepared by the proper officers, subject to the direction of a Committee to be now appointed, on the subject of the preservation of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground; and that the Memorial of *John Remington Mills* and others, presented to this Court on the 9th June, 1864, be referred to the said Committee, who shall be empowered to watch the proceedings in reference to this question, and to take such steps therein as they may think requisite, reporting the same to this Court?

AMENDMENT, To substitute in lieu of the words “a Committee to be now appointed,” the words “City Lands Committee?”

On the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the same to be negatived; and a Division

being demanded and granted, there appeared—

For the Affirmative	59
For the Negative	87
Majority for the Negative ..	28

ORIGINAL MOTION about to be put—

FURTHER AMENDMENT, To omit the words “and to take such steps therein as they may think requisite?”

Negatived.

ORIGINAL MOTION, Resolved in the Affirmative, and ordered accordingly.

RESOLVED, That the said Committee do consist of twelve Members to be now appointed—

Whereupon this Court doth nominate and appoint

Charles Reed, Esq., F.S.A., Deputy.
 James Clarke Lawrence, Esq., Alderman.
 Benjamin Bower, Esq., Deputy.
 Blomfield Burnell, Esq., Deputy.
 Richard Nathaniel Philipps, Esq., F.S.A.
 Mr. George Roger Longden.
 Mr. John Sewell.
 Mr. Frederick Maynard.
 George James Cockerell, Esq.
 Mr. John Stewart.
 Mr. Samuel Gibbins.
 Mr. John Richardson.

Quorum any five.

V.

STATEMENT ADDRESSED BY THE
COMMITTEE OF MEMORIALISTS, AND
OTHERS, TO THE ECCLESIASTICAL
COMMISSIONERS,

ON THE 11TH OF DECEMBER, 1865,
AND TO WHICH THE LETTER ON PAGE 4 WAS A REPLY.

Bunhill-fields Burial-ground, after having been held under lease by the Corporation of *London* for more than 300 years is about to pass into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* and *Wales* as the representatives of the lapsed *Finsbury* prebend. A committee of gentlemen interested in the preservation of this Burial-ground has been formed for the purpose of urging that an arrangement should be entered into, by which the ground might be permanently secured from disturbance and desecration.

The whole *Finsbury* estate is believed to cover nearly 200 acres, and is almost entirely occupied by valuable buildings. *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground is not quite four acres in extent, and was only an open field until it was inclosed for interments in the year 1665. It continued to be used as a Burial-ground till the year 1852, when it was closed by order of the Secretary of State. During the intervening period of 190 years more than 120,000 corpses were

interred in it, nor is theirs all ignoble dust. Some were buried here whose names have always been fondly cherished by the nation, and whose writings are amongst the most popular in the English language. Notable men of all professions and of all religious communities, divines, authors and artists, with a crowd of worthies and confessors, whose learning and piety not only adorned the age in which they lived, but have proved a permanent blessing to the land, are interred in this ground. Many thousands of persons not in *England* only but in *America* and the *British Colonies* have honoured ancestors lying here, and not a few have, within a very recent period, paid considerable sums for the purchase of space in it for the construction of graves and vaults in which to deposit the ashes of their immediate relatives. The sums so paid were quite equivalent to the charges for freehold graves in other cemeteries, and they made these purchases in the belief that they were securing the perpetual and indisputable possession of the ground. The general impression was that the corporation held this land under a perpetual lease ; moreover the corporation had at various times given assurances to the public that the ground should never be built over or disturbed. Especially did they do this in the year 1787 when, in order to allay apprehensions which had arisen that the ground was about to be perverted to secular uses, they declared by public advertisement that every part of it should "at all times hereafter" remain a burial-ground, and be used for that purpose only. The circumstances under which this notice was given

should be particularly noticed. The receipts from the fees charged for interments had considerably fallen off, and a sub-committee of the corporation was appointed to inquire into the causes of the decrease. The diminution affected the income not of the corporation only, but of the prebendary of *Finsbury*, who, under the new lease which had just been negotiated (in the year 1768), received one-sixth part of the yearly revenue of the estate. The prebendary—then the Lord Bishop of *Bristol*—therefore attended the meetings of the Committee; the causes of the decrease were discussed in his presence, and there is express proof that the advertisement already alluded to was issued with his leave and sanction. It may be presumed that the corporation would not have felt themselves at liberty to give any such assurance unless they had obtained his consent.

The following is a copy of the Minute of this proceeding upon the books of the corporation :

BURNELL, *Mayor*.

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of *London*, on *Friday*, the 1st day of *February*, 1788.

The Committee for letting this City's lands did this day deliver into this Court a report in writing under their hands for obtaining the register books, and regulating the expenses of interment in *Bunhill-fields* Burying-grounds, &c. which was read in these words:—

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR, &c.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, your Committee for letting the City lands in the account of the Chamberlain of *London*, do humbly certify, That in pursuance of an order of this honourable Court of the 3rd day of *May*, 1786, we appointed Mr. *John Wilton* to take care of *Bunhill-fields* Burying-grounds, and to receive the fees, profits, and perquisites which had been usually taken there, and the said *John Wilton* being lately dead, we, on the 3rd day of *October* last, referred it to a Sub-Committee to consider whether any and what regulations were necessary.

We have since received a report from the Sub-Committee that they had been attended by Mr. *James Budgen* and his wife (the niece of Mr. *Wilton*) who produced the register books of burials from the year 1713 to the present time, which they claimed as their property, but at the Sub-Committee's request deposited with Mr. *Comptroller*, and Mr. *Budgen* soon afterwards attended them and declared his consent to relinquish all claims thereto on having such consideration for the same as the Committee should think reasonable.

The Sub-Committee thereupon requested a conference with the Lord Bishop of *Bristol*, prebendary of *Finsbury*, who met them on the 13th day of *December* last, and after considering the nature of Mr. *Budgen's* claim and the fairness of his conduct, concurred with them in opinion that a piece of plate of the value of fifty pounds should be presented to him as an acknowledgment for having delivered up

the said books, and that Mr. *Charles Aldridge* should be desired to provide the same at the expense of the *Finsbury* estate, with which Mr. *Budgen* declared himself perfectly satisfied.

The Sub-Committee then proceeded to consider the late decrease of burials in the said grounds, occasioned, as they apprehended, by two causes: first, by the improvement making on the *Finsbury* estate, from which an idea has arisen that these grounds may at some future time be built upon, or converted to other uses; and, secondly, from the opening of several new burying-grounds in which the charges of interment are less than in *Bunhill-fields*, for although upon the expiration of the lease when these grounds were taken into the City's hands, the usual charges were continued without any increase; yet the fees or gratuities allowed to be taken by the keeper for his own use not being properly ascertained, and the keeper having always been allowed the profits of the brickwork of vaults, &c., it appeared to the Sub-Committee from the list delivered by Mr. *Budgen* that the total sums now taken are necessary to be reduced. And the Sub-Committee having, with the assistance of his Lordship, investigated these causes, were of opinion that it should be recommended to this honourable Court to resolve

First.—That no alteration shall at any time hereafter be made by or under the authority of this Court by building on the said burying-grounds, or either of them or any part thereof; but that the same and every part thereof shall at all times hereafter remain for the purpose of burials only in such

manner as hath been accustomed for many years past; and that this resolution be printed in the morning and evening papers.

Second.—That the following fees shall be taken for the use of this City and the prebendary of *Finsbury*.

Third.—That a list of fees shall be painted on a board, &c.

Fourth.—That a person shall be appointed as keeper, &c.

Fifth.—That a proper number of cards shall be printed with the resolution of this Court for continuing the grounds in their present use, on the one side, and the list of fees and name of the keeper on the other side, and that such printed cards shall be properly distributed among the several undertakers and of her persons employed in funerals in and near this city.

Sixth.—That the length and breadth of each ground shall be described by figures in numerical order, &c.

These regulations the Sub-Committee thought would restore the confidence of the public, and continue and increase the revenue of the grounds, more especially if they were followed by that attention which might be found necessary to secure their effect.

All which they submitted to us, and we, agreeing in opinion, hereby submit the same, &c.

BRASS CROSBY,
JOHN READE, } And others.
THOMAS HALIFAX,

And a motion being made and question put, that this Court doth agree with the Committee in their said report, the same was resolved in the affirmative."

It is therefore contended that the public hold the engagement not only of the lessees, but of the lessors of the ground, that it shall never be appropriated to secular uses. The Corporation of *London* have acknowledged the continued force of the obligation incurred by their predecessors, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners will no doubt equally feel that their honour is engaged to fulfil the undertaking entered into by the prebendary of *Finsbury*, of whom they are the legal heirs and representatives.

Any disturbance of a spot so hallowed could not but be regarded as an injury to the nation, and in the present state of public opinion could not be attempted.

The ground has therefore no pecuniary value, and the very large income arising from the rest of the valuable estate which is shortly to pass into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners must render it quite unnecessary to seek to make this small portion of it a source of profit.

The reservation of this ground as an open and ornamental space in a part of *London* which is so thickly crowded with dwellings would be likely considerably to enhance the value of adjacent property.

The Committee particularly desire to disavow all knowledge of the offer which they are informed was made to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the

purchase of the ground by Mr. *Joseph Ivimey*. The name of that gentleman was indeed attached to the memorial addressed to the corporation on this subject, but they have ascertained from him that he had formally withdrawn the offer before he affixed his signature.

The Committee have learnt with much satisfaction that the Corporation of *London* are willing to undertake the conservancy of *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground if it is placed in their hands as trustees for the public, and their request to the Commissioners is that they would be pleased to consent to such an arrangement, and to grant their assistance in expediting whatever steps may be necessary for carrying it out.

London.

SAMUEL MORLEY

and others.

VII.

Inscriptions on the Tombs

IN

THE DISSENTERS' BURIAL-PLACE,

NEAR

BUNHILL-FIELDS.



This is an exact reprint of a rare tract, printed for E. Curll, London, 1717, and in the possession of Mr. Deputy Charles Reed, F.S.A.

On a Stone, which, very likely, once was placed over the Entrance into the Dissenters Burial-place, on the North Side of the Artillery-Yard, now on the Ground within the Inside, is this Inscription.

This Church-Yard was enclosed with a Brick Wall at the sole Charge of the City of London, in the Mayoralty of Sir John Lawrence, Knight, Anno Dni 1665. And afterwards, the Gates hereof were built and finished in the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas Bludworth, Knight. Anno Domini 1666.

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body
of EDWARD TUCKER, late
of WEYMOUTH, in Dorset-
shire, who (by his own
PREDICTION) departed
this Life *March* the 4th. 170 .
Aged 86 Years.

On another Grave-stone is this Inscription.

In Memory of
 Mr. JOHN GAME,
 Who died the 15. 7^{mo} 1711.
 This Stone is put up by
 his loving Relict, in hope
 of the first Resurrection
 to Glory. *Rev.* 20. 6.
 Blessed and holy is he that
 hath part in the first
 Resurrection: on such the
 second Death hath no Power,
 but they shall be Priests of
 God and Christ, and shall
 reign with him a thousand
 Years.

On another Grave-stone is this Inscription.

<i>This</i>	Elizabeth
<i>Ground</i>	Chapman.
6 foot long	
Eastward, is	
bought for	

On a Stone-Tomb is this Inscription.

IN-Dom. Guli. Jenkyn, M.V.D. Lond.
 Cupis Gratiâ inter graves Ecclesiæ
 Procellas, Novoppylo incarceratus,
 Martyr obiit An. Ætat. LXXII. Ministerij
 LII. Dom. MDCLXXXIV.
 Ejusdemque filiæ Annæ Gurdon,
 Generiq; Dom. Geo. Scott, cum
 filio suo Gul. Scott.
 Dom. Eliz. Juyce, proles, sola
 Superstes, Soror, Uxor, atque
 Mater hæc sepulchralia D. S. P. L. M.
 fieri curavit A. D. MDCXCV.

On another Stone Tomb, is this Inscription.

H. S. E.
 DULCIBELLA BUTLER
 Nuper Uxor
 EDW: BUTLER, Gen:
 Quæ obiit 16^o die Januarii,
 An^o Dni 1702.
 & Ætat. suæ 48.

On a Grave-stone flat on the Ground, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Mr.
 ROGER MORRICE, Master of Arts,
 And Chaplain to the late Hon^{ble}
 DENZIL LORD HOLLIS, who
 departed this Life the 17th Day
 of January, 1701. Ætat. 73.

On a black Marble Tomb, supported with Brick, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of
 Sir JAMES COLLETT, Kt. who departed
 this Life the 24th of *April*, 1711.
 in the 66. Year of his Age.

On a Stone-Tomb is this inscription.

NATHANIEL UPTON,
 Eximius dudum Medicinæ Professor;
 Artis suæ Æsculapius :
 Facietiarum & urbanitatis probe gnarus :
 Inculpatæ Vitæ studiosus :
 Vir suavissimi Moris, & notissimæ Liberalitatis,
 Amicis pariter, & Cognatis æque Charissimus :
 Cujus vires,
 Gravissima illa Pestis, Anno MDCLXV.
 Apud Londinenses violenter prædas agens,
 Non prius sentit, quam obstupuit :
 Jam tandem sub hoc Tumulo,
 Inter charissimæ Conjugis, & Liberorum
 Utriusque Sexus reliquias,
 Fæliciter obdormit :
 In spem Beatissimæ Resurrectionis
 Obiit Tertio Junii, Anno MDCXCVI.
 Ætat. suæ LVI.

Next Dr. Upton's, on a Stone Tomb, is this Inscription

M. S.
 ELIZABETHÆ HEDWORTH,
 PETRI HARVEY, Edwardstoniensis,
 In Agro Suffolciensi, Generosi,
 Filiæ.
 Quæ Corporis Formâ, Animi Prudentiâ,
 Modestiâ, & Rei Familiaris curâ
 Eximiis conspicuâ,
 E vivis excessit 18^o die Junii, A^o Dni 1694.
 57^{um} Agens annum.
 HENRICUS HEDWORTH RICHARDI Vico-Cestriensis
 In Agro Dunelmensi, Armigeri,
 Filius Quartus,
 Optimæ Maritæ Conjugi
 H. P. M.

On a Stone Tomb is this Inscription, and under a Coat of Arms, this Motto :

Altior Fortuna Virtus.

Here lyeth interred the Body of Mr.

Francis Archer, Merchant, who
 departed this Life *October* the 14th.
 1673. aged 59 Years.

Also here lyeth interred the
 Body of JOHN ARCHER, the Son of
 FRANCIS ARCHER, who departed
 this Life the XIII. of *August*, MDCLXXXIX.
 Aged XLIII. Years.

On a low Altar Tomb-stone at the East-end, is this Inscription.

THOMAS GOODWIN, S. T. P.
 Agro Norfolcienci oriundus
 Re antiquaria, præsertim Ecclesiasticæ
 Nec angustæ Lectionis neque inexpeditæ
 Sacris, si quis alius scripturis præpotens
 Inventione admodum feraci,
 Nec solido minus subactoque judicio,
 Variis inter se locis accurate collatis
 Reconditos Spiritus sancti sensus
 Mira cum fælicitate eliecit
 Mystéria Evangelii nemo mortalium

Aut peritius illo introspevit,
 Aut aliis clarius exposuit
 [Materiam, formam, Regimen, Omnia,
 Ecclesiarum à Christo institutarum,
 Solertia parum vulgari, indagavit;
 Si non & invenit.]
 Theologia, quam vocant, Casuum versatissimus,
 [Conscientiis turbatis pacem conciliavit,
 Errorum tenebris involutas
 Veritatis luce, irradiavit,
 Impeditisque scrupulos exemit.]
 Cognitione, Prudentia, dicendi facultate,
 Ecclesiæ Pastor omnimode Evangelicus
 Multos tam privato quam publico Ministerio
 Christo lucrifectos porro Ædificavit,
 Donec qua agendo qua patiando
 Omnibus exantlatis pro Christo laboribus,
 Placidam affequutus est in Christo quietem
 Ab Editis, Edendisque Operibus;
 (Viri maximi optimo Monumento)
 Nomen reportaturus, unguento pretiosius,
 Ipsosq; cui inscribitur, marmore perennius.

The Lines between Crotchets thus, [] were not suffered to be engraved on the Stone.

ANNO ÆRÆ CHR^M MDCLXXIX.

Ætat. LXXX. Die Febr.

Sanctos cum Goodwino cineres charissimus illi commiscuit
 THANKFUL OWEN, S. T. B. elapsa vix horula post absolutum
 Proloquium ad magnum illud Goodwini, in E. P. ad Ephes. Opus,
 Cujus Editione accuraverat, Eadem, qua vixerat, Æquanimitate,
 Absque ullo, præterquam cordis ad Christum anhelantis, suspirio,
 Animam expiravit die April. An^o Sal. MDCLXXXI. Ætate

Hic jacet

MARIA THOMÆ GOODWIN, S.T.P. in tertiis nuptiis Uxor,
 Ex antiquâ HAMONDORUM familiâ in Salopiâ oriunda:
 Omnibus fœminæ vere Christianæ officiis defuncta
 Optima Filia, Conjux, Mater.
 Obiit Maij. 10. A. D. 1693. Æt. suæ 60.

On another Stone-Tomb, supported with Brick, is this Inscription.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
JOHN ROWE, SOMETIMES
PREACHER IN THE ABBY AT
WESTMINSTER, WHO DIED OCT.
XII. IN THE 52nd YEAR OF HIS
AGE. AN° 1677.

Next to this Tomb, lies interred the
Body of the late Learned and Pious
Mr. THEOPHILUS GALE.

Under this Stone is also buried
The Body of Mr. THOMAS ROWE,
the Eldest Son of Mr. JOHN ROWE,
and late Minister of the Gospel in
London, who departed this Life
the 18th Day of *August*, in the Year of
our Lord 1705. and in the 48th
Year of his Age.

Here also lyes the Body of Mr.
BENONI ROWE, Minister of
the Gospel in *London*, who
departed this Life the 30th of
March, in the Year of our Lord
1706. and in the 48th Year of his Age.

On another Tomb, supported with Brick, is this Inscription.

Dame ELIZABETH FOCHE, (late
Wife of Sir *John Foché*) Obiit
XIII. June, MDCXCIII. Ætatis
suæ XXXII.

Near the former, on a Tomb-stone, is this Inscription.

Jacobus Lambertus hic sepultus jacet,
 Ille, olim, dum esset in vivis
 Theologus Orthodoxus, Pastor fidelissimus,
 Doctrinæ luminibus, Vitæque resplendens,
 Laboribus indefessus,
 Sub Cruce invictissimus,
 In Morte triumphavit.
 Quo adeo Terris emicuit cœlestis,
 In Cœlis quam refulgebit gloriosus.
 Obiit Augusti die IX.
 Anno { Salutis MDCLXXXIX.
 { Ætatis suæ XLV.

Here lyeth ANNE his Wife, Daughter of
 Sir GILBERT CORNWALL, Baron of *Burford*,
 Who departed this Life the 14th of *April*,
 1709.

On a Tomb, supported with Brick, is this Inscription.

Mortale quod habuit, hic deposuit Johannes Faldo,
 Vir ille Dei qui Evangelium Christi voce, scriptis,
 Vitâ exornavit vixeritne sanctius an concionatus sit
 Incertum est, paterna Christi gregem curâ pavit
 Concordiam fratrum, propagationem Evangelii
 Assiduo labore fœliciter procuravit, qui zelo in
 Terris arsit Seraphico refulget nunc adscriptus
 Choro Angelorum. Obiit VII. Idus Februarias,
 Anno Salutis MDCXC. Ætatis suæ LVII°

On a Tomb-Stone near Mr. Faldo's, in double columns, is this Inscription.

JOHANNES OWEN, S. T. P.

Agro Oxoniensi oriundus,
 Patre insigni Theologo Theologus insignior,
 Et sæculi hujus insignissimis annumerandus :
 Communibus humaniorum literarum supperiis,
 Mensura parum communi instructus;
 Omnibus quasi bene ordinata ancillarum serie.

Suæ jussis famulari Theologiæ,
 Theologiæ, Polemicæ, Practicæ, & quam vocant casuum,
 Harum enim omnium, quæ magis habenda erat. ambigitur,
 In illâ, viribus plusquam Herculeis, serpentibus Tribus,
 Arminio, Socino, Cano venenosa strinxit guttura
 In istâ, suo prior, ad verbi amussin expertus pectore
 Universam Sp. Seti. Oeconomiam aliis tradidit,
 Et, missis cæteris coluit ipse sensitque
 Beatam, quam scripsit, cum Deo communionem,
 Interiis viator comprehensori in cœlis proximus.
 In Casuum Theologiæ singulis oraculi instar habitus.
 Quibus opus erat & copia consulendi :
 Scriba ad regnum cœlorum usque quaq; institutus
 Multis privatos inter parietes à suggesto pluribus,
 A prælo omnibus ad eundem scopum collineantibus
 Pura Doctrinæ Evangelicæ Lampas præluxit,
 Et sensim, non sine aliorum, suoque sensu,
 Sic prælucendo periit.

Assiduis infirmitatibus obsiti,
 Morbis creberrimis impetiti,
 Durisque laboribus potissimum attriti corporis
 Fabricæ, donec ita quassatæ spectabilis ruinas.
 Deo ultra serviendo inhabiles, sancta anima;
 Deo ultra fruendi cupida deseruit
 Die, à terrenis potestatibus, plurimus facto fatali,
 Illi à cœlesti Numine fœlici reddito.

Mensis set. Augusti XXIV. Anno à Pastu Virgino.

MDCLXXXIII. Ætat. LXVII.

On a low Tomb-Stone, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of
 Mr. *Richard Fairclough*, the worthy Son of the late Reverend
 Divine Mr. *Samuel Fairclough* of *Suffolk*;
 Was sometime Fellow of *Emanuel College* in *Cambridge*
 afterwards Rector of *Mells* in *Somersetshire*.
 A Person, like his Father, eminent
 For his natural Parts, acquired Learning, and infused Grace :
 Indued with
 A most piercing Judgment, rich Fancy, and clear Expression ;
 And therefore
 A good Expositor, a rare Orator, an excellent Preacher.
 His Spirit and Temper was
 Most Kind and Obliging,
 Most Publick and Generous,
 A great Contemner of Riches,
 And Despiser of Vain-Glory ;
 Chearful, yet Watchful ; Zealous, yet Prudent :
 A pleasant Companion, and a most faithful Friend ;
 A pious Guide and Instructor,
 By Doctrine and Example.
Obiit July 4. 1682. Anno Ætat. 61.

To the most deserving Memory of him and his Family,
 This Monument was erected,
 As a Testimony of Gratitude for many Obligations,
 By *Thomas Percivall*, of the *Middle-Temple*, Gent.
Anno Dom. 1682.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MRS. JANE PERCIVAL,
 WHO DYED MARCH THE 10th. IN THE YEAR 98.
 AGED 52 YEARS.

On a Stone Tomb is this Inscription.

Here resteth in Hope the Body of *Hannah*, Wife
to *Nehemiah Bourne, Senior*, sometime a Commander
at Sea, and Commissioner for the Navy. By whom
he had 4 Sons and one Daughter.

Who after she had lived with him as a most
Affectionate Wife, above 52 Years, during which
Time she was a most suitable Companion to him in
various and extraordinary Paths of Divine
Providence by Sea, and Land, at Home, and in
remote Parts, and an eminent Example and
Pattern to all that knew her, as well in the several
Excellencies of a natural Temper, as those of the
Spiritual and Divine Life: being ripen'd for a
Better, she departed this World at *Ebisham* in
Surrey, upon the 10th of *June*; from thence was
brought to this Place, and buried the 21st, in the
Year of our Lord 1684. and of her Age 68.

On another Tomb rais'd on Brick, is the following In-
scription.

The Body of SAMEEL OKEY,
the Son of SAMUEL OKEY is
here intombed: He was born
Dec. the 11th 1706. and dyed *July* the 4th. 1711.

Here lyes for *Adam's*-first Offence,
Beauty, Wit, and Innocence:
E'er such another turns to Earth,
Time shall throw a Dart at Death.

On another Stone-Tomb, rais'd on Brick, is this Inscrip-
tion, in Capitals.

Here lyeth the Body of *Elizabeth*
Twisleton, the Eldest Daughter of
the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount
James Fynes, Say and Seale, Wife to
John Twisleton, Esq; at *Dartford* in
Kent. She dy'd on the 28th Day of
March, Anno Dom. 1673.

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

Hic situs est
 ROBERTUS BOSYER,
 De Over, in Comit. Cestr,
 Generosus qui ad
 Ingenii cultum huc adveniens
 Post trimestre spatium,
 Mortem præmaturam obiit
 Optimæ spei juvenis,
 Sept. 13. 1680.
 Ætat. 22.

On a Grave-Stone, like the former, is the following Inscription.

Here
 Lyeth the Body of
 JOHN PENNYMAN, who
 was requir'd [by *Abraham's* God]
 to offer up (as *Abraham* did)
 An unusual Sacrifice at the *Royal*
Exchange in *London*, upon the 28th
 Day of *July*, 1670. (An Account
 of which he then caused to be
 Printed, and hath ordered it to
 be Reprinted in the Book of his
 Life) And for a perpetual Memorial
 of which, he order'd
 this Inscription to be set in
 this Place. He departed this
 Life the 2nd Day of *July*, 1706.
 in the 78th Year of his Age.

On a Stone-Tomb rais'd on Brick, is this Inscription.

Sub hoc reconditur tumulo Vir admodum Reverendus

NATHANIEL MATHER,

Richardi Mather filius, utriusque ANGLIÆ decus

Edidit hæc NOSTRA in Agro Lancastriensi:

Imbuit Literaturâ, & Magistrati Laurea honestavit

ALTERA illa transmarina.

Quâ, propter Temporum acerbitatem,

Parvulus adhuc, cum patre recesserat:

Inde reversus Ecclesiæ quæ est DUBLINII apud Hibernos

Communi suffragio præficiatur.

Unde ad HANC URBEM accersitus,

Pastorali munere cum vitâ defunctus est.

Si laudes quæris, paucis accipe;

Animi dotibus fuit dives, Literis eruditissimus,

Judicio perpolitus, Ingenio acer,

Cujusque Muneris Naturæ, & Doctrinæ Potens:

Sacravit omnia inserviando DEO.

Omnino instructissimus ad Officium,

Beati SERVATORIS Evangelium sincere promulgavit;

Ornavitque vitâ decorâ;

Comitate, Modestiâ, Patientiâ mixtâ,

Pietatis Exemplar maxime illustre;

Semper sibi par, & sibi constans,

Christianus Religiosissimus,

Maritus Indulgentissimus,

Concionator aptus & operosus,

Pastor fidelis & vigilans.

In sacræ functionis exercitiis, arte piâ celavit HOMINEM

Ut solus conspiceretur DEUS,

Omni denique virtute præditus, & laude dignissimus.

Sed, ah! quantus dolor? mortuus est;

Plerophoriâ tamen Fidei, cœlestem adiit gloriam & triumphum;

26 Julii, Æræ Christianæ MDCXCVII. Ætat. LXVII.

MARIA UXOR ejusdem Nath. hic etiam sepulta est, 1^o Martii, 1705.

On a Grave-stone near the former, is this Inscription.

MICHAEL COX,
Olim Coll. Magd. Oxon, Linguae
Graecae & Latinae Praeceptor
Londini per annos 40. & ultra
Notissimus, fidei verè Reformatæ
Lucidum exemplum; senio
& laboribus confractus obiit
21 Julii, A^o Æt. 69. Christi 1707.
OPTIMO PATRI saxum hoc
possuit J. Cox, Fil.

On a low Stone-Tomb, rais'd on Brick, is this Inscription.

Lucia Smith dyed *Octob.* the 6. 1682. within a Day of 12 years; who lived much beloved, and dyed greatly lamented by all her Acquaintance; as not having known her Equal for Natural Endowments, at her Age.

EPITAPH.

Here lyes embalmed in careful Parents Tears,
A Virgin Branch, cropt in its tender Years :
Reader, as in a Glass, thou perfectly may'st see,
How all things here below vain and uncertain be.
Dear Virgin Child, Farewel ! thy Mother's Tears
Cannot advance thy Memory (who wears
A Crown above the Stars) yet I must mourn
And show the World mine Offerings at thy Urn.
'Tis not (Dear Child !) a Stone can deck your Herse,
Or can your Worth lodge in a narrow Verse.
No, no, blest Virgin ! this engraven Breath
Is not to speak your Life, but weep your Death.
This Herse is only layed by th' careful Trust
Of a sad Mother, in Honour of your Dust.

E P I T A P H.

Reader, pay thy Tribute here,
 A Tear, a Rose, and then a Tear.
 Grief may make thee Marble too ;
 Yet weep on, as Marbles do.
 Gently let the Dust be spread
 O'er a gentle Virgin's Head :
 Press'd by no rude Passer by,
 Nothing but a Mother's Eye.
 Sacred Tomb, with whom we trust,
 Precious Piles of lovely Dust ;
 Keep them safely, sacred Tomb,
 'Till a Mother ask for Room.

Here lyeth the Body of FRANCIS SMITH,

Bookseller, who in his Youth was settled in a separate Congregation, where he sustained, between the Years of 1659, & 1688, great Persecution by Imprisonments, Exile, and large Fines laid on Ministers and Meeting Houses, and for printing and promoting Petitions for calling of a Parliament, with several Things against Popery, and after near 40 Imprisonments, he was fined 500*l.* for printing and selling the Speech of a Noble Peer, and Three Times || Corporeal Punishment. For the said Fine, he was 5 Years Prisoner in the *King's Bench* : His hard Duress there, utterly impaired his Health. He dyed House-keeper in the Custom-House, *December* the 22nd. 1691.

|| *Suffered.*

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

Here lyeth
interred the Body of
THOMAS RAWLINSON,
Senior, Citizen, and Distiller
of London, who departed
this Life, April the 16th, MDCXCI.
Aged LXVIII. Years IX Months.

Here also lyeth interred the
Body of ELIZABETH, late
Wife of the above-named
THOMAS RAWLINSON, who
departed this Life, *May, XVI.*
MDCXCI. Aged LX Years III.
Months.

On another Grave-stone next the former, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred
the Body of THOMAS
RAWLINSON, Junior,
Citizen and Distiller of
London, who departed
this Life the XXI. of October,
MDCXCVII. in the XXXII. Year
of his Age.

On another Grave-stone, is the following Inscription.

HENRY SEWELL,
Ob. Jun. 10th. 1708.
Ætatis sue 52.

On a Stone-Tomb supported with Brick, underneath is this Inscription.

M. S.

Hoc Conditorium imprimis incoluit **MERCIA**
 Joannis Smith, M. D. Uxor. Joannis Jackson,
 Mercatoris filia, quæ obiit quarto Novembris,
 Anno Dom. MDCLXXV. Ætatis suæ XXXIV. Eiq;
 duodecies peperisset Liberos, novem superstites
 reliquit, Joannem, Edvardum, Gulielmum, filios;
 filias vero Lydiam, Merciam, Mariam, Martham,
 Katharinam, Elizabetham, qui omnes defunctam
 matrem ad hanc sedem usque prosequabantur,
 Nov. IX. atque hic intus in spem beatæ Resurrectionis
 repositam reliquerunt.

Quot menses abeunt utero dum prodeat infans
 Legatum, natos tot dedit illa viro
 Hæc famulis, natis, sponsoque, parente, secunda
 Nulli; nunc tantus non reperitur amor.
 Queis vivens placuit, dubios jam mortua fecit
 Mater erat, domina, an filia, sponsa, prior.
 Officium Virtute, suis prænobile amicis;
 Sed pietate magis præstitit illa Deo.

Pater, Maritus, filius primogenitus hunc
 Xerophum mærentes posuerunt expectantes
 (Cum reliqua familiæ) ilico hic colligi, & in
 Æternum una habitare.

On another Stone-Tomb, rais'd on Brick, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of ELIZABETH
Wife of EDMOND PORTMANS, of *Lord. Gent.*
Who dyed in the 70th Year of her Age, XBER-
22. 1693. and in the 45th Year of her Marriage,
by whom he had 2 Sons and 5 Daughters:
In Memory of whom, this Monument was
by him erected, and in whom was that
Question of SOLOMON's answered,
Prov. 31 & 10.

As also the Body of ELIZABETH, Eldest
Daughter of the said EDM. and ELIZABETH
Who dyed in the 19th Year of her Age.
NOVEMBER 12. 1669.

As also the Body of NEHEMIAH COX, Doctor in
(Physick, who married MARGARET, second
Daughter of the said EDM. and ELIZABETH, who
departed this Life 5th MAY, 1689.

As also the Body of EDMUND, the only Son of
the said NEHEMIAH and MARGARET COX,
who dyed 11th AUGUST, 1688:

*Omnia sunt hominum tenui pendencia filo,
Et subit occasu quæ valere ruunt.*

On another Stone-Tomb, supported with Brick, is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. ABEL COLLYER,
Minister of the Gospel, and Pastor of a
Congregation at *Halsted* in *Essex*, who
departed this Life the 29th Day of *May*,
1695. in the 66th year of his Age.

He was for Self-Denial eminent,
To seek his Master's Glory fully bent:
In Gospel Truths of deep Insight;
Win Souls to Christ was his Delight:
Poor in Spirit, Rich in Faith,
Christ was his Wish, and Him he hath.

On a Grave-stone, near the Artillery-Ground Wall, is this Inscription.

Tumulus Dnæ.
ELIZ. CARLILE,
hac vita decessit,
Mar. 13. A. S. 1710. A.
Æ. 45. Vos estote
parati. Mar. 24. 44.

On a Grave-stone adorned with Warlike Trophies, is this Inscription.

Near this Place lyeth
interred the Body of
Lt. Coll. *William Blenner
Haysell*, who was a Lover
of Arms, and of Christian
and *English* Liberties.
Obiit 6^o Jan. 1699. Ætate
76. in Hope of the
Resurrection of the Just.

On a Grave-stone, next the former, is this Inscription.

Here lyes interred the Body of Mr.
Thomas Holmes, Citizen and Haberdasher
of *London*, and Son of Mr. *Thomas Holmes*,
of *Wigson*, in the County of *Leicester*, who
yielded to Nature the 4th Day of *December*,
1694. in the 38th Year of his Age.

Dear *Holmes* hath found
A Home amongst the Blest,
His wearied body for to rest:
For no where can his Flesh
True Slumber have;
But in this Trust Home on Homely Grave,
His Soul in Heavenly Tunes doth sing,
Hell, where's thy Triumph?
Death, where is thy Sting?

On a Grave-stone, near the former, is this Inscription.

Here rests the
Body of Mr. SAMUEL RAND,
A most Learned, Pious,
and Judicious Gentleman, who
left this Life for a Better,
April the 10th. 1712. in the 78th
Year of his Age.
This Stone was erected
by his loving and tender Nephew,
DANIEL MECKWHEN.

On a Stone-Tomb, on the Top, is this Inscription.

In this Vault lyeth interr'd the Body of
Capt. JOHN SMITH,
late of *London*, Merchant, and Treasurer of
St. Thomas's Hospital many Years; whose
Study was to imitate his Redeemer
here by doing Good, and departed on the
7th Day of *March*, 1698. at *Clapham*,
in the 69th Year of his Age,
with a joyful Hope to meet
him in Glory hereafter.

On the side is also this Inscription.

Here also lyeth interred the Bodies
of ANN and ELLENOR, Daughters of
the above Capt. JOHN SMITH, who
departed this Life, the former, the 14th Day
of *April*, 1689. Aged 5 Years, 10 Months;
the latter, the 2nd Day of *Feb.* 1693.
Aged 3 Years, 10 Months.

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

This is Dr.
Sampson's Vault.

On the Side of a very handsome Tomb, of a particular Form, is this Inscription.

MORDECAI ABBOTT, Esq; Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs, *Obiit* 29. *Feb.* 1699. *Ætat.* 43.

Here ABBOTT, Virtue's great Example, lies,
The Charitable, Pious, Just, and Wise.
But how shall Fame, in this small Table, paint
The Husband, Father, Master, Friend and Saint?
A Soul on Earth so ripe for Glory found;
So like to theirs, who are with Glory crown'd;
That 'tis less strange such Worth so soon should go
To Heaven, than that it staid so long below.

On a fair Stone-Tomb is this Inscription.

Near this Place lyeth interr'd the Body
of the Reverend Mr. ROBERT BRAGG,
who departed this Life *April* the 14th.
1704.

Under this Tomb lieth interred the
Body of Mr. JOHN BRAGG, Eldest Son of
Mr. ROBERT BRAGG, who by his Will
caused this Monument to be erected,
in Memory of his Father and himself.
He departed this Life *August* the 19th. 1711.
in the 55th Year of his Age.

On a Grave-stone at the Head of the last-mentioned Tomb,
is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the
Precious Dust of Reverend
Mr. BRAGG, Minister of the
Gospel. He went to Rest the
14th of *April*, 1704. Aged
77 Years.

On a Stone-Tomb near the Artillery-Ground Wall, is this Inscription.

In Commemoration of
 ROBERT THEYER, Citizen and Merchant-
 Taylor of *London*, who departed this
 Life *January* the 8th, 1697. Aged 53.
 And also of HANNAH THEYER, Daughter
 of the said ROBERT, and SARAH his Wife, who
 departed this Life *March* the 1st. 1696.
 Aged 11 Years, and 2 Months.

Near the former, on the same Side, on a Stone-Tomb, is the following Inscription.

Underneath this Tomb, in a Vault,
 lyeth interred the Body of
 DOROTHY FORWARD, late Wife of
 JONATHAN FORWARD, of the Parish
 of *St. Olave, Silver-street*; she departed
 this Life, *Nov.* 24. 1706.

Here are also interred Six Children
 of the said JONATHAN and DOROTHY,
viz. DOROTHY, NATHANIEL, SAMUEL,
 ANASTATIAH, JONATHAN, and JOHN.

On another low Tomb-stone, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Lieut.
 Collonel SAMUEL BACHE, Esq; who
 dyed the Third of *September*,
 1687. in the Sixty second Year
 of his Age.

On another Grave-stone, in Form of a Curtain Oval, is the following Inscription.

HERE
 LYETH
 INTERRED THE
 BODY OF MR. JOHN
 GAMMON, LATE MINISTER
 OF THE GOSPEL. HE
 DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 THE 8. DAY OF AUGUST,
 1699. IN THE 47.
 YEAR OF HIS
 AGE.

At the Foot of the former, in small Capitals, is this Inscription.

This is the Foot-stone
of Mr. JOHN GAMMON,
Minister of the Gospel.
Though dead I lye; I
Speak to you that live :
Your Heart, your All,
To Christ be sure to give.

On a Stone-Tomb is this Inscription.

Here lyes interred
the Body of
Mr. *Edward Bagshaw*,
Minister of the Gospel,
who received from God
Faith to embrace it,
Courage to defend it,
and Patience to suffer for it;
When by the most despised, and by many persecuted,
Esteeming the Advantages of Birth, and Education,
and Learning (all eminent in him) as Things of Worth,
To be accounted Loss for the Knowledge
of Christ;
From the Reproaches of professed Adversaries,
He
Took Sanctuary
by the Will of God,
in
Eternal Rest,
the 28th of *December*,
1671.

Here also lyes the Body of Mrs. *Margaret*, late Wife
of Mr. *Edw. Bagshaw*, who departed this Life the 20th
of *February*, 1692.

Here the Wicked cease from Troubling,
And here the Weary be at Rest;
Here the Prisoners rest together,
They hear not the Voice of the
Oppressor.

On a Stone-Tomb is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body
of Mr. JOSHUA BROOKE,
late Merchant-Taylor of *London*,
who departed this Life *Jan.* 16th. in the
68th Year of his Age, *A.D.* 1696.

Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. MARY
BROOKE, late Wife of Mr. JOSHUA BROOKE,
of *London*, Merchant-Taylor, who
departed this Life the 4th of *August*,
1687.

Here lyeth the Body
of Mrs. *Rebecca Godolphin*,
Widow of *John Godolphin*,
late Doctor of Law,
who dyed the 4th of *June*,
1697.
in the 56th Year of her Age.

On another Stone-Tomb is the following Inscription.

JANA BARTON, Vidua JOHANNIS
BARTON, Theologi, hic sepulta
expectat donec mortui resurgant
Obiit Aug. 20. Anno Dom. 1679.
Anno Ætat. 67.

On another Tomb-stone, in Capital Letters, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. *John*
Gosnold, a faithful Minister of
the Gospel, who departed this Life
Octob. the 3d. 1678, and in the 53rd Year
of his Age.

They that turn many to Righteousness,
Shall shine as the Stars for ever and ever,
Dan. 12. 3.

On a Grave-stone is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body
 of Mrs. HANNAH SYLVESTER,
 Who left this Life, *April* the XII.
A.D. MDCCI. aged LVII. Years,
 Who lived in faithful and endearing
 Wedlock XXX Years with Mr.
 MATT. SYLVESTER, too unworthy of
 so great, and meet an Help and Blessing.

Flens veni in terras: sperans discedo, fuitque
 Vita mihi Christus; qui mihi vita manet:
 Pallida mors rapuit animam, subduxit & artus;
 Pars potior cœlo est reddita; corpus humo.

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

JOHANNES ANTRUM,
 Obiit 15. Jan. 1704.
 Behold thy self by me,
 Such one was I, as thou;
 And thou in Time shalt be
 Even Dust, as I am now.
Ætatis suæ 54.

On a Tomb-stone rais'd on Brick, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of
 MARY GODFREY, Relique of JOHN
 GODFREY, late of *Canterbury*, Gent.
 She dyed the 30th of *September*,
Anno Dom. 1689.
Ætat. suæ 63.

On a Grave-stone near the afore-mentioned Tomb, is the following Inscription.

Here lyes the Body of
ANN JOHNSON,
who liv'd Religiously, and
dyed Piously, the 4th
of *January*, 1694. in the 14th
Year of her Age.

The Body's here, the Soul is fled
To Regions which are pure and bright,
And tho' the meaner Part lies dead,
The noblest's gone to Heavenly Light.
She did request, that she might be
To her blest Saviour's Bosom ta'en,
And now she dwells where she doth see,
What does exceed Reports of Fame.

On a Stone-Tomb is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of
MRS. DORCAS BENTLEY,
the faithful, tender Wife
of JONATHAN BENTLEY, Citizen
and COACH-MAKER of LONDON;
who lived much desired,
and dyed much lamented,
August the 3d. 1693.

My Dear,
Thy zealous Care to serve thy God,
And constant Love to Husband dear,
Thy harmless Heart to every one,
Remains still, tho' thy Corps lye here.
J. B.

On another Stone-Tomb, near the former, is this Inscription.

Corporis exuvias uno posuere sepulchro
Et Pater, & Natus, natus uterque Deo:
Non toti moriuntur, adit pars altera Christo,
Altera surgendi spem requiescit agens.

D. Johannes Loder, Minister Evangelii.
D. Sam. Loder, filius, annum agens 16.
Utrique Lector gratulare mortem
placidam, & beatam
immortalitatem,
1674.

Too.....from his mourning Friends,
Ha.....dispatch'd his Work, ascends.
W.....he came a Divine to see,
Or.....l.....Divinity.
.....ei.....behind,
.....find.
The Spirits T.....and here lies,
God's and his Church's Sacrifice.

The Body of the Reverend Mr. *John Loder*,
Minister of the Gospel, who dyed 30th
Decemb. 1673. Anno Ætatis
4^o.... 17....

On another Stone-Tomb, in Capitals, is this Inscription.

To the Memory of Lieut. Coll. WILLIAM
STYLE, late Citizen and
Leatherseller of *London*. A Man
From his Youth devout toward
God, and pious to his Parents,
Singularly just, industrious and
Diligent; second to none in
Courage; Kind to his Friends, and
Charitable to All: Who on his
Death-Bed enjoyed plentifully
The Conscience and Joy of
a Good Life. Dyed 2 *March*,
1670.

On another Stone-Tomb is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. ANNE KNOLLYS,
Daughter of *John ..ney*, Esq; and Wife
of *Hanseld Knollys* (Minister of the Gospel)
by whom he had Issue 7 Sons and 3 Daughters;
who dyed *April* 30th. 1671. and in the 63d
Year of her Age.

My only Wife, that in her Life,
Liv'd Forty Years with me,
Lyes now in Rest, for ever blest
With Immortality.
My Dear is gone, left me alone,
For Christ to do, and dye;
Who did for me, and dy'd to be
My Saviour God most High.

On another Stone-Tomb, is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of
Mrs. FRANCES WOOLASTON, the Wife of
RICHARD WOOLASTON, Esq; who
departed this Life *July* 25th. 1688. in
the 86. Year of her Age.

On a Grave-stone, near the last Stone-Tomb, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth
interred the Body of that
Faithful Minister of Christ
BENJAMIN HOLME, who
went to his Rest, *October*
the Fifth, 1691, in the Twenty
fourth Year of his
Age.

On a Stone-Tomb, near the Artillery-Ground Wall, is this Inscription.

HERE LYETH GRACE, THE ONLY DAUGHTER
OF THOMAS CLOUDLEY OF LEEDS,
IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, WHO WAS
FIRST MARRIED TO PETER JACKSON OF
LEEDS, TO WHOM SHE BARE 3 SONS
AND 2 DAUGHTERS. AFTERWARDS
MARRIED TO JOHN DICKONSON OF LON-
DON, TO WHOM SHE BARE ONE DAUGH-
TER, OF WHICH SHE DYED, 15th FEBRUARY,
1688. IN THE 31st YEAR OF HER AGE.
Grace was her Name, and *Grace* she had;
But now *Grace* is with Glory clad.

Here lyes the Body of Mr. JOHN DICKONSON,
who dyed *Dec. XXII. A.D. MDCLXXXIX*,
aged LV. an *Israelite* indeed, exem-
plarily pious, humble, useful, labouring
for Acceptance with God, not the
Praise of Man.

X. *Prov. VII.* The Memory of the Just is
Blessed.

On a Stone-Tomb, rais'd on Brick and much broken by
the Mob (who rose on the Report of Mr. Eeme's intended
Resurrection) is the following Inscription.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MR. NATH. VINCENT,
MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 22d. 1697.
IN THE 56th YEAR OF HIS AGE:
IN HOPES OF A BLESSED AND GLORIOUS
RESURRECTION UNTO ETERNAL LIFE.

Though dead I lye, I speak to you that live,
Your Heart, your All, besure to God you give:
At Death the Day of Grace will fully end;
In Grief for Bad, in Good Works your Time spend.
Earth is Vanity; Christ's Worth, and of his Cross,
The Virtue know, and Greatness of Soul's Loss.
Immortal Souls to benefit and save,
I have thus made a Pulpit of my Grave.

On a Stone-Tomb, rais'd on Brick, and abus'd in like manner as the former, is the following Inscription.

Here lyes interred the Body of
the Reverend Mr. ABBRAHAM HUME,
Minister of the Gospel, who departed
this Life the 29th of *Jan.* 1706. Aged
about 92 Years.

And near this Place lyes the Body of
Mrs. LUCY HUME, his first
Wife, who dy'd *Nov.* the 10th, 1681.

And also the Reverend
Mr. WM. GILLCHRIST, his Son-in-Law,
who dy'd *Oct.* 26. 1684.

And his Grandson WM. GILLCHRIST,
who dy'd *March* 18. 1683.

On a Grave-stone, near the last mentioned, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of JOHN DENT,
Son of JOHN and ANN DENT, who
dyed *April* the 5th. 1710. aged One Year
and a Half and Six Months.

After a short, but sharp Affliction here,
I take my Leave of you, my Parents dear.
Low here I lye, in this soft Bed of Dust,
Waiting the Resurrection of the Just.
I, Phoenix like, have my first Rising known,
And on the Wings of Love am upward flown:
My Heavenly Part's ascended up on high,
Whilst on Earth my Earthly Part doth....
'Till it shall rise again in Glory blest,
With all the Saints, in their eternal Rest.
My Parents dear, my Time was short, you see:
So live and dye, that you may rest with me.

On another Grave-stone, is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of *Peter*
Finch, Gent. born in *Shevington*,
 in *Lancashire*, dyed *Octob.*
 the 12th, 1709. in the Forty eighth
 Year of his Age.
Sanctus & Sapiens.

On another Grave-stone is this Inscription.

CALEB MAY,
 Ob. Dec. 13. Anno
 Ætat. suæ 46.
 Dom. 1694.

ANN MAY dyed
February the 19th. 1710.
 Ætatis suæ 59.

On a Grave-stone near Mr. Bragg's Tomb-stone, is this
 Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of
 Mr. *Tho. Brand*, Minister
 of the Gospel, who
 departed this Life the
 First of *December*,
 1691.

On another Grave-stone is this Inscription.

In Memoriam CALEB HEAD.

O Juvenis dilecte Deo! cui non dedit annos
 Longævos Pater Omnipotens, sed chara futuræ
 Post obitum, certæ, & melioris pignora vitæ,
 Misceo dum cineres lacrymis funebribus horas,
 Ploro tuasque breves objurgant gaudia luctum.
 O utinam plures similes tibi charæ nepotes:
 Sint mihi, sint grati tales, sit talis amicus,
 Sint servi tales, talis mihi denique finis.

On a Tomb-Stone is this Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of
Mr. *Thomas Tryon*, late of *Hackney*,
Merchant, who departed this Life the
21st of *August*, 1703. in the Sixty ninth
Year of his Age.

On a Grave-stone is this Inscription.

J. A. NAYLOR,
MINISTER OF THE
GOSPEL; DYED JULY
23, 1708. AGED
29 YEARS.

On a Grave-stone, near the Door, is this Inscription.

Here they laid MARY THOMAS,
when Death snatched her from
her Husband BEN. THOMAS.
Her Name, both Maid and Wife;
And his the same throughout his Life.
Deceased the 22d of Nov.
1711. Aged 35.

On another Grave-stone, near the former, is this Inscription.

Hic jacet
Debora Warr, Uxor
Charissima Johan. Warr, Jun. Gen.
Quæ obiit Novemb. 10, 1623. una
cum Elizabetha utriusque Filia
In cunis exanimi.

*The remainder of this is so far sunk in the Ground, that it cannot
be easily recovered.*

On another Grave-stone, near the former, is this Inscription.

Here lyeth
the Body of *Nicholas*
Latimer, Glover, who
departed this Life the
25th Day of *April*, 1677.
and in the 70th Year of
his Life.

He was poor Widows Advocate,
And many Pounds for them he gate,
Which he them gave without fail:
His Loss therefore they much bewail.

On the Plank of an Altar-Monument of Free-stone, at the West, was the following Inscription engraven, made by Mr. Ed. Bagshaw beforementioned; but now, by the Injury of the Weather, worn out.

VAVASOR POWELL, a successful Teacher of the past,
A sincere Witness of the present, and an useful Example
to the future, Age, lies here interr'd, who in the Defection
of so many, obtained Mercy to be found Faithful; for
which being called to several Prisons, he was there tried,
and would not accept Deliverance, expecting a better
Resurrection. In hope of which, he finished this Life, &
Testimony together, in the 11th Year of his Imprisonment,
and in the 53d Year of his Age, *Octob. 27. An. 1671.*

In vain Oppressors do themselves perplex
To find out Arts how they the Saints may vex:
Death spoils their Plots, and sets the Oppressed free;
Thus VAVASOR obtained true Liberty.
Christ him released, and now he's joyned among
The martyred Souls, with whom he cries, *How long.*
Rev. 6. 10.

On another Grave-stone is the following Inscription.

Johannes Seaman,
natus 6. Feb. 1655.
Obiit 23. Julii 1665.

On a black Marble Tomb, inclosed with Iron Ballusters is the following Inscription.

M. S.

DANIELIS WILLIAMS, S.T.P.

Wrexamiae in Comitatu Denbighensi

inter Cambro-Britannos nati,

Qui à primis cunis

Pietate; aequè ac bonis Literis feliciter imbutus,

Divini Verbi Præconis munus admodum juvenis

in multis Angliæ partibus, non sine laude peregit

deinde apud Hibernos, præcipue Eblanae,

Ubi media ætate consumpta, magnum sui desiderium

inter omnes reformatæ fidei Cultores reliquit,

Tandem Pontificia Tyrannide Londinum se conferre coactus,

Magna ibi celebritate Famae per multos annos

ad mortem usque floruit.

Vir amplissimâ mente,

in quo acutissimum Ingenium cum judicio subactissimo

quod paucis contigit, conjunctum videbatur.

In omnibus Theologiæ

partibus, si quisquam alius, versatissimus,

Concionator vehemens idem & acer, gravis & copiosus,

assiduus & felix, ad docendum, probandum, permovendum

prout res postulabat, aequè accommodatus.

Pastor dubium peritior, an vigilantior,

ad Christianam fidem promovendam, opera, se, gratia,

Non in Patria solum, sed etiam apud externos,

semper paratissimus;

ad consolia sive danda,

sive exequenda pariter instructissimus:

Idemq; in arduis aequè difficillimis rebus, tum publicis

tum privatis, peragendis non minori prudentia

& diligentia, quam integritate conspicuus,

In omnes charitate,

atque candore animi singulari:

Sibi in re amplissima parcus, in alios vero, pauperes

præcipue, ac rempublicam, ut semper alius,

ita testamento munificentissimus.

Denique omnis virtutis,

quantum mortalium capit conditio,

dum vixit studiosissimus; eorum, quæ illa non admittit,

annis jam & laude plenus, in coelesti coetu

particeps factus, VII. Kal. Feb.

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Actatis suæ LXXII. Christi MDCCXVI.

On another black Marble Tomb-stone, is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth interred the Body of the
 Reverend and Learned Divine, Mr.
 ANTHONY FIDOE, who 'till the Year
 1660, was a Fellow of *Trinity College*
 in *Cambridge*; but soon after (his
 Conscience not permitting him to comply
 with the Act commonly known by the
 Name of *The Bartholomew Act*) he
 resigned not only his Fellowship, but a
 considerable Living he was then in
 Possession of, in the County of *Cambridge*;
 and since that Time, has continued a
 Minister of the Gospel in several
 Parts of *England*; but for the last
 Thirty Years of his Life, in the City
 of *London*. He dyed a Batchelor.
 on the 17th Day of *January*, 1715.
 Aged 75 Years.

On a standing Grave-stone, is the following Inscription.

Here resteth
 the Body of the late Revd.
 Mr. JAMES CONINGHAM,
 M. A. Minister of the Gospel,
 who dyed *Sept. 1. 1716.*
 in the 47th Year of his
 Age.

And Three Children;

Anne,	} dyed	May 5.	} 1713.	} 15 Years.		
Sophia,		Aug. 23.			1713.	Aged 23 Days.
Mary,		Jan. 7.			1714.	4 Years.

On another Grave-stone is the following Inscription.

Here rests the
Body of the Reverend
Mr. GEORGE SENDALL,
who dyed *March* the 15th.
1714. Aged 51 Years.

On another Grave-stone is the following Inscription.

Here lyeth the Body of
JAMES, Son of the Reverend
Mr. DANIEL WILCOX,
Who dyed *April* the XI. 1714.
Aged 5 Months and 5 Days.

On another Grave-stone is the following Inscription.

Memento Mori.

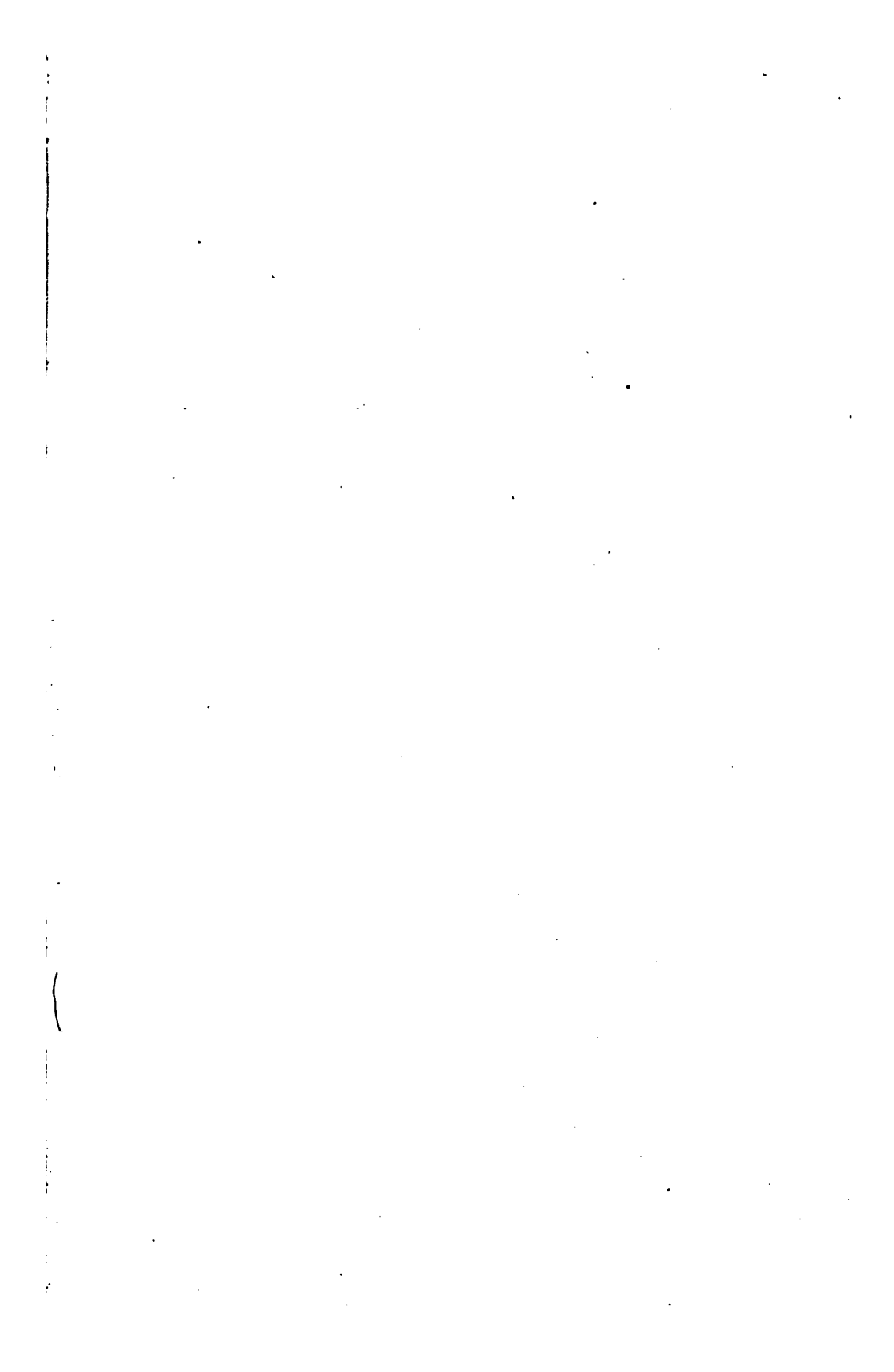
Here lyes interr'd the Body of
MARY LILBURN,
the Wife of NATHANIEL LILBURN,
of *Cripplegate* Parish, who
departed this Life *Nov. 12. 1713.*
Aged 38.

Lo here she lyes interr'd, who humbly gave
Her Soul to God, her Body to the Grave.
Throughout her Passage to a better Life,
She prov'd a pious, virtuous, loving Wife.
She dy'd to live, and humbly liv'd to dye;
So God remov'd her to compleat her Joy:
And her surviving Spouse in Christ doth trust,
To mix his Ashes with her sacred Dust.

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